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Hunt for a monster

Cops release sketch of prime suspect in hostess murder case

AS THIS edition goes to print, Phuket City Police are asking the public for help in their search for a Caucasian man who is the prime suspect in the murder of 35-year-old Wanphen Pienjai, the bar hostess whose remains were discovered stuffed into a suitcase in Phuket last week.

Ms Wanphen, a native of Phetchabun province, was an employee of the Sweetheart Bar on Kata Road.

Her naked body was discovered on the morning of June 24 at a remote location on Chao Fah Thani Road in tambon Wichit, about 1.5 kilometers from the junction with Chao Fah West Road.

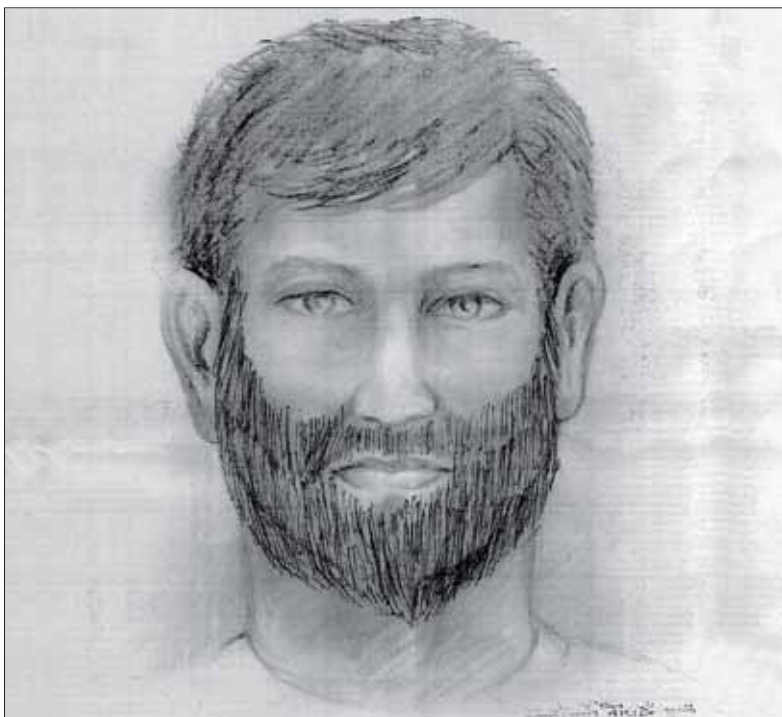
Two employees of the Sweetheart Bar identified the body as that of Ms Wanphen on June 25 after images of a silver ring found on her finger were broadcast in local media.

The staff said that on the morning of her disappearance Ms Wanphen left the bar with a Caucasian foreigner who arrived by motorbike.

They described the man as around 35 years old, 175-180 cm (5' 9" - 5' 11") tall, with an average build, brown beard and mustache.

They were unable to provide a description of the bike.

The man had a friendly conversation with the three hostesses



WANTED: The suspect was described as a Caucasian around 35 years old with a brown beard and mustache.

present and then asked if the bar had any ladyboy prostitutes available, they said.

When they answered "no" the man paid a bar fine and left on his motorbike with Ms Wanphen, they said.

Duty Officer Sien Keawthong confirmed that two of the victim's friends came to identify the body after seeing news about the murder on TV.

Speaking of the victim, one of her colleagues said, "She had

been working here for about three months. I heard that she used to have her own bar business. She was a nice lady. She didn't talk much and didn't go out often. She mostly just stayed at the bar."

"We were sure it was her. We recognized her from the ring and the scar on her stomach from an operation [tubal ligation] to prevent pregnancy," one of the women said.

"I was so worried when

she went missing and we are very sad to learn what happened to her," she added.

Another employee told the *Gazette* she wasn't paying attention while Ms Wanphen spoke to the man, but said she did remember that he spoke Thai.

"Wanphen asked him to get a room near the bar but the man said he had a house in town, so I thought he was an expat," she said.

Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit told the *Gazette* on June 29 that police had questioned seven or eight witnesses but still didn't know the name of the suspect.

Police have released a sketch of the man in hopes that the public can provide clues to his whereabouts. Possible sightings and anonymous tips can be phoned in by calling 191, he said.

"I'm sure that man will be arrested, but I don't know what motivated him to kill her," Col Wanchai said.

Police are still awaiting the results of DNA tests to officially confirm that the body is that of Ms Wanphen.

The body is still at the Vachira Phuket Hospital morgue.

Two investigation teams have been assigned to the high-profile case, one comprised of uniformed officers and one plain-clothes unit.

- *Gazette reporters*

Dengue fever spreading rapidly in Phuket

THE NUMBER of dengue fever cases in Phuket is soaring, according to the Phuket Provincial Public Health Office (PPHO).

PPHO Director Narinrach Pichyakamin said figures released by the PPHO at a meeting of public health volunteers on

June 17 showed 213 cases of dengue fever in Phuket from January 1 to June 12 this year.

The initial target for 2010 was to keep the figure below 170 cases for the entire year, Dr Narinrach said.

According to Ministry of Public Health statistics, Phuket has the

highest incidence rate (63.4 cases per 100,000 residents) of dengue of any of the Andaman Coast provinces and currently ranks 13th among Thailand's 76 provinces.

The incidence rate for 2009 was much lower, at 38.5 cases per 100,000 residents. There were 126 cases out of a total registered

population of 327,006, the official figure used for 2009.

The PPHO currently lists the registered population of Phuket as 335,913, a figure which does not include the huge number of migrant workers from other provinces and countries.

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Cops nab meth-dealing couple

PHUKET City Police have arrested a boyfriend-girlfriend team of alleged major drug suppliers, seizing over 6,000 *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills in the process.

Also arrested in the operation were several alleged dealers working for the couple and some of their alleged customers.

The busts were announced at a press conference at Phuket City Police Station on June 25.

Phuket Police Commander Pekad Tantipong and Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit identified the local head of the drug ring as 33-year-old Wisan 'Beer' Damkham, a resident of Phetchaburi.

The round-up started with the arrest on June 22 of Chaisak 'Tik' Jaiman, who was allegedly caught in possession of 600 *ya bah* pills and forced to inform on his supplier, Mr Wisan.

A search of Mr Wisan's room in the Baan Suan Place apartment block on Soi Bangyai, behind Big C in Wichit, uncovered the largest *ya bah* haul in Phuket in some time: 5,800 pills, along with a 9mm pistol, 58 rounds of ammunition, a customer list and some accounts.



OUTGUNNED: Police pose for a group photo with the suspects.

Also arrested in the room was 35-year-old Kanchanaburi resident Jiraporn Klincharoen, described by police as the live-in girlfriend of Mr Wisan.

Mr Wisan was charged with two weapons counts and one count of selling a Class 1 drug, while Ms Jiraporn was charged with possession with intent to sell.

Subsequent investigations ended in the arrest of five of Mr

Wisan's alleged sub-agents and customers.

The first was identified as 22-year-old Supphachai 'Boy' Phetthong from Trang, who was allegedly caught with 170 pills in his room at the Sodsri Apartments on Soi Susanti, off Mae Luan Road in Phuket Town.

He was charged with possession with intent to sell.

Four others were arrested

for possession of three or fewer pills in rooms inside the same apartment block.

Ms Duangduen Hom-ob, a 24-year-old from Chanthaburi, was allegedly caught with seven pills in room 119 of the Nopphadol apartments in Phuket Town. She was also charged with possession.

Mr Wisan confessed to buying 5,800 pills from another big dealer in Phetchaburi at a price of 270 baht per pill, then selling them in Phuket at 300 baht each.

The low profit margin, if accurate, may reflect that drug dealing is quite a competitive business on the island.

The pills were allegedly smuggled into Phuket through the Tha Chat Chai Police Checkpoint by a messenger aboard a bus from Phetchaburi.

"*Ya bah* smugglers always bring it to Phuket by bus, packing it into their luggage because they know it is too time consuming to thoroughly check every passenger's bag. That's why we have to rely on tip-offs by informants," Maj Gen Pekad said.

Asked about the Alpha 6 substance detectors that are still in use by some drug units in Phuket, he said, "They are use-

ful, but it takes quite a long time to find the drugs because the police who use the units must hold them very still."

The Alpha 6 units use the same "molecular resonance" technology as the now-discredited GT200 bomb-detection devices.

Eight of the Alpha 6 units, bought at a cost of around 400,000 baht each, have been in use on the island since December 2009.

The Science and Technology Ministry in February said it was set to test the effectiveness of the Alpha 6 units, but no results have been reported thus far.

However, Maj Gen Pekad said he thought the future of drug detection on the island may rest on four legs, not dowsing rods.

"Searches using drug-sniffing dogs might prove more useful. The puppies 'Nin' and 'Chao Kuay' should be ready for active duty by the start of next year," he said.

He was speaking in reference to two mongrel puppies owned by Muang District Chief Supachai Pochanukul. They are being trained in drug detection at the Phuket International Dog School on Koh Sireh.

— **Pimwara Choksakulpan**

Robber flees empty-handed after woman bites back

A YOUNG woman last week fought off a would-be robber by biting his arm, causing the attacker to flee empty-handed down Soi Yodsane in Chalong.

The incident happened around 4am on June 24 after the victim, Rhian 'Fon' Hartman, was leaving her job as a public relations officer at a well-known restaurant in Kathu.

Ms Hartman drove on her motorbike with a friend to

Chalong, where they parted ways.

Around 100 meters down Soi Yodsane, where Ms Hartman lives, she was forced to stop by a Thai man on another motorbike.

The man, described as "quite fat", was wearing a white T-shirt and probably in his late 20s.

Tattoos covered both of his arms.

"I slowed my bike down to cross a speed bump and he passed me, pushing my bike with

his foot and stopping right in front of me," she said.

The man yelled "You stop!" at her. He got her in a head lock from behind and grabbed her bag. Ms Hartman instinctively bit his arm, causing him to let go.

She shouted loudly for help and the man fled. Ms Hartman returned home with a slight arm injury.

Around 3pm the same day, she went to Chalong Police Station with her British father, William Hartman, to report the crime.

Ms Hartman said she felt lucky to have got away, but was worried others might not be so fortunate if it happened again.

Mr Hartman told the *Gazette* he would have preferred his daughter to have handed over the bag without fighting.



FIGHTER: Rhian 'Fon' Hartman, the 24-year-old victim.

"You don't know how desperate the guy is. If he's on drugs he's very desperate, if he's hungry he's not so desperate and just wants to eat," he said.

"The guy was working alone, which tells me he's inexperienced — he's a very young guy and didn't cover himself," he said.

— **Sithipong Nongkaew**

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Bypass-bypass stalled

BUDGETING problems are holding up work to complete a road linking the bypass road to a section of Ekwahnit Road near the back entrance to Surakul Stadium.

Work on the project, known jokingly as the bypass-bypass road, was stalled for months because the road was blocked by a home belonging to a family of squatters who settled the area some 20 years ago and had no place else to go.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop took up the matter himself, asking Wichit Municipality to build new accommodation for the family in the nearby low-income community behind the stadium.

When completed, the new road will run through the center of the community, over the same terrain as a dirt road already there.

Like a scene from circa-1989 Berlin, Gov Wichai in March took the first sledgehammer swing to the house blocking the route, but work

to pave the final 70-meter stretch has still not begun.

Although construction of the road was started by Wichit Municipality, Gov Wichai transferred responsibility to the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) on March 24.

The project was not in the PPAO's budget this year, causing delays while funding was found.

The PPAO has finished the design of the last stretch of road and the drainage alongside it.

On June 24, a budget of 1,072,000 baht was finally approved. The money will go to the Department of Supplies and Property, which will purchase construction equipment and open a bid process for the contract.

Deputy director of the PPAO's Public Works Division, Wassana Sriwilai, said he expects this to take around one month.

Whichever company wins the bid will have 90 days to complete the project.

— *Sitthipong Nongkaew*

Dengue fever

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Given that the number of Thais living here is probably about twice the official population, the actual incidence rate is likely about half of the one reported.

This is because all cases among Thais are included in the

calculation, sources at the PPHO said during previous outbreaks.

Dr Narinrach said education is key in preventing the spread of the mosquito-borne dengue fever.

"We have started campaigns to teach locals how to eliminate breeding grounds of mosquitoes," he told the *Gazette*.

Teen murdered by crazed love rival

A 17-YEAR-OLD was left dead after one man's jealousy turned fatal in Phuket Town on June 26.

Two days later, Phuket City Police announced the arrests of 19-year-old Narongchai 'Tan' Boonprom of Nakhon Sri Thammarat and 27-year-old Phuket native Kajorn 'Ee' Chansri for their alleged involvement in the murder of Phuket youth Witarn Chuaykuea, 17. An accomplice identified only as 'James' remains at large, police said.

Mr Narongchai and Mr Kajorn were arrested the day after the killing at a house on Soi Hon Sai Thong in Rassada, but James was not in the house at the time.

Shortly after 8pm on June 26, Phuket City Police responded to a report that three men had attacked and shot Mr Witarn at the Shell service station on the corner of Surin and Phang Nga roads before speeding off on a motorbike.

The victim was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where he later died.

Mr Narongchai confessed to shooting the young man because he had been 'hanging out' with his ex-girlfriend, whom he had broken up with about two months ago.

When they arrived at the



Suspects Narongchai 'Tan' Boonprom (seated, center) and Kajorn 'Ee' Chansri (seated, right). The third suspect was arrested for an unconnected case.

scene, police found a large crowd of gas station employees and locals gathered around a pool of blood.

Initial investigations showed that Mr Witarn was talking on the phone and having his motorbike filled with gas when three young men pulled up on another motorbike and parked nearby.

The three approached the young man and an altercation started and blows were ex-

changed. Witnesses then heard a single gunshot and saw the victim collapse to the ground.

Mr Witarn was shot in the face with a sawed-off shotgun.

Mr Narongchai has been charged with murder and firearms possession, while Mr Kajorn has been charged as an accessory to murder.

Police are still seeking Mr James.

— *Sitthipong Nongkaew*


find more mosquito breeding sites at the beginning of the monsoon season, he said.

Dr Narinrach pointed out that it is urgent to implement a project of eradicating breeding grounds in homes and communities, as June and August usually see the highest numbers of dengue fever cases.

The highest incidence rate recorded in Thailand so far this year is in Chanthaburi Province, which stands at 135 cases per 100,000 people.





In Southern Thailand, Satun Province tops the list with a rate of 121 cases per 100,000 people.

— *Sitthipong Nongkaew*



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Pheu Thai moves on Phuket

Opposition party opens center in bid to win seats in the South

THE OPPOSITION Pheu Thai Party has launched a bid to make headway in the South in upcoming elections by setting up an operation center for Andaman provinces in Phuket.

Party spokesman Prompong Nopparit said at the center's opening ceremony on June 24, "We are ready to fight for representation in the next elections, and Phuket is the first step."

Along with Mr Prompong, the ceremony was attended by party leaders including chairman for the Southern region Pichet Sathirachawal, former finance minister Suchart Thadathamrongwet, former deputy commissioner of Police Region 8 Maj Gen Thawat Boonfueng and Red Siam leader Surachai Danwattananusorn.

Around 200 members of the 'red-shirt' United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship from around the Andaman region also attended.

The new center, to be managed by Sorrathus Tanyalappitak, is located in a three-story com-

mercial building in the Phuket City Home residential estate in Rassada. It will cover Phuket, Phang Nga, Krabi and Ranong.

Mr Prompong said the party planned to establish similar centers in every province in the South.

The effort is part of a drive by the red-shirt-allied Pheu Thai Party to gain a foothold in the predominantly 'yellow' Southern provinces, most of which are represented in Parliament by Democrat MPs.

Mr Pichet said they have divided the 14 provinces of the South into three regions (Andaman, Gulf of Thailand and Border) and developed different policies for each.

In the Andaman region, the party would push Phuket as a special economic or duty free zone in order to boost the tourism industry. It would also continue to expand Phuket International Airport, a project dating from the Thaksin era, he said.

Mr Pichet said the party would also like to restore a railway linking the Gulf of Thailand with the Andaman coast in order



LEFT: The Pheu Thai party center for the Andaman region opens in Phuket June 24. RIGHT: Party chairman for the Southern region Pichet Sathirachawal (speaking) and party spokesman Prompong Nopparit (right).



to facilitate easier passage of containers from the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean. The long-dormant and now derelict route, cleared by the Japanese Army during World War II, connects Prachuap Khiri Khan province with Ranong.

Party policy for the Gulf of Thailand region, covering Songkhla, Phatthalung, Surat Thani, Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Chumphon provinces, is to concentrate on agricultural development projects, he said.

The party's Border region comprises Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat, Satun and Trang.

The Pheu Thai party would follow a proposal by party chairman General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh to turn the region into a 'special administrative region' in the hope of resolving the ongoing insurgency, he said.

Mr Prompong said although the South of Thailand was rich in natural and human resources, its development had been slow. The Pheu Thai party would be better at managing these resources than the current government, he said.

The Phuket center intends to collect suggestions and complaints from citizens about the

government's policies to help form the party's policy for the Andaman region, he said.

Mr Prompong said Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva was "not mature enough to govern the country, as he has not kept his word and solved the problems the nation faces."

The Southern region needed representation from parties other than the Democrats to provide checks and balances on the government, he said.

He continued, "We now have three or four candidates in Phuket and we really need someone with good intentions and support from the people; not just a rich person or someone with a famous family name."

"Politics is like the World Cup; there is always a chance to score a goal. I'm quite sure Parliament will be dissolved soon, and we need to be ready," he said.

— Pimwara Choksakulpun

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Queer News

Employee axes boss in World Cup argument

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: A man hacked his boss to death with an ax following an argument over play in the 2010 Fifa World Cup, now into the knockout stage in South Africa.

In the early hours of June 22, friends of Suwit Thongkhaha rushed the 42-year-old to hospital, but he was dead on arrival.

At the scene of the crime, in Thung Song District, police found a large pool of blood and evidence that a heavy drinking session had taken place.

Employees of the late Mr Suwit, a construction contractor, told police that five or six of them were drinking with their boss in his house when the incident happened.

Mr Suwit, a big fan of Brazil, insisted that no other team could possibly match their exploits on the pitch. England fan Sithi Thongkhan, 55, took a different view, however.

He argued that while the South American powerhouse may have seemed invincible in the past, recent developments in world football showed that many countries now have a shot at winning.

Mr Suwit stuck to his guns, insisting fervently that no other team could rival Brazil.

His obstinance so enraged Mr Sithi that the latter stormed out of the room. Shortly after, Mr Sithi returned with an ax and struck Mr Suwit twice in the back of the head, splitting open his skull.

Mr Sithi then fled, ax in hand. Police are now searching for him.

This is not the first time the World Cup has provoked lethal violence in the Thailand. During the 2006 World Cup, two men drinking in a bar in Pattaya were shot dead by a fellow drinker after cheering too loudly while watching Italy defeat Ghana 2-0.

Source: Khao Sod

Red shirt release refused by court

BANGKOK: The Criminal Court on June 25 rejected a request for the temporary release of 10 red-shirt leaders in remand on terrorism charges connected with the recent political unrest.

The Court instead granted the authorities' request for the detainees to remain in custody another 12 days, until July 8. This will be their second remand period, the first one having expired on June 26.

Their lawyer, Karom Ponthaklang, did not seek bail for an 11th detained red-shirt leader, Kokaew Pikulthong, who has been selected by the opposition Pheu Thai Party to contest the July 25 by-election in Bangkok's Constituency 6.

Department of Special Investigations officers opposed temporary release, arguing they needed more time to question another 70 witnesses and receive results of forensic testing.

They also said the accused might jump bail due to the severity of the penalties their offenses



Red-shirt leader Nattawut Saikua in detention in the Naresuan Police Border Patrol Camp in Phetchaburi last month.

carried, if convicted. Terrorism carries a possible death sentence. Other penalties are three years to life imprisonment and/or a fine of between Bt60,000 and Bt1 million.

Mr Karom said the detained red shirts, in a petition opposing a second remand period, pointed to the fact they had voluntarily surrendered to police as proof they had no intention of fleeing.

The June 25 appeal was

made for only 10 of the detainees because Mr Kokaew had been given permission by the court to leave Klong Prem Prison on June 28 to register his candidacy in the upcoming by-election, he added.

Following the registration, the lawyer will apply for Mr Kokaew's bail.

The court said Mr Kokaew must be returned to prison after registering his candidacy.

Source: The Nation

Boat collision mars full moon party

SURATTHANI: Thirty-nine tourists and a senior official were injured when two boats collided off Koh Pha Ngan late on June 26.

No one was killed or missing, the Surat Thani governor and the Pha Ngan police chief have confirmed.

Twenty-nine tourists were admitted to the Bangkok Samui Hospital, six to Bandon Inter Samui Hospital and five to Thai Inter Samui Hospital on Koh Samui.

The accident happened about 20 minutes after midnight, two ki-

lometers from Pha Ngan, where a full moon party was taking place on Rin Beach. The Phetcharat 59 speedboat was ferrying 25 tourists from Rin Beach back to Samui when it collided head-on with the Sawasdi Chalerm Choknava 5, which was taking 39 tourists from Samui to the party.

Samui Marine Transport Office chief Prawet Supachai, who happened to be aboard Phetcharat 59 when the accident happened, sustained a deep cut in his left leg.

The collision was very loud and the bows of the two boats were broken into pieces, causing the boats to sink very fast, he said.

It was lucky that a marine police patrol boat stationed nearby rescued the tourists and crew very quickly, he said. Other speedboats nearby also rushed to help.

Phang Nga Police Station Superintendent Jarun Uchuparp said police were interrogating the crews of both boats.

Source: The Nation



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WHILE many island residents partied the weekend away at the Phuket Music Festival at Karon Beach, Kathu came to life with street-lights, red lanterns and cultural activities as part of the second annual Kathu Culture Road street fair on Kathu Soi 4.

Funded by Kathu Municipality at about 1 million baht, the three-night fair aimed to increase tourism and showcase the area's rich history while promoting local businesses and strengthening community ties.

Participants paraded, peddled rickshaws and played music and games, all while indulging in tasty traditional food and drink.

There were also impressive exhibits of classic cars, motor-bikes and musical instruments as well as live performances

on a makeshift stage set up opposite Wat Kathu.

Most of the vendors were happy to welcome the handful of

foreigners who attended, greeting them with open arms and jolly smiles.

Although the Phuket Vegetarian Festival is now largely centered around Chinese shrines in Phuket Town, the unique cultural event had its origins among ethnic Chinese in Kathu during the tin mining days.


Exhibits showing the way of life at the time – including opium smoking – were on display at the fair.

– Nicky Vermeulen

Serving up Kathu culture



Nine-year-old Jutarat Kwamkaew (main photo) hands Thai salad to a customer. Performers take to the main stage (above) and locals cook a variety of traditional treats (top left). Photos by Nicky Vermeulen



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Reachable by a free two-minute ride by longtail from Koh Maphrao Pier in Laem Hin, this restaurant is a captivating dining experience.

Owned by Suvit Koyviwattakoon and managed by his son Watthach, the restaurant has been running for 10 years.

Aside from the modest generator used for lighting at night, Kruvit Raft has no power supply.

This means there are no refrigerators, freezers, ovens or any other electrical appliances, which brings to mind a number of questions about food storage and cooking methods.

The answer to these questions is plain to see as you set foot onboard the floating platform. As you walk along the sturdy wooden pathways, an array of live marine creatures in nets draw attention: moray eels, puffer fish, mantis shrimp, tiger shrimp, crayfish and crabs.

Although the puffer fish and moray eels are there only for display, the other critters, like the groupers and the shrimp, are there to fill stomachs.

The ambiance is tranquil and only the occasional sound of spluttering longtail boats break the silence.

Pockets of rickety tables and chairs hugged by reed partitions line the main deck. Aromas of fried and steamed fish waft into the cool night air as the sun sets and the restaurants modest lighting flickers to life.

The menu is fairly extensive and can make final decisions



HANDSOME DEVIL: Puffer fish (main photo) is a 'big' lure for visitors, although it is not on the menu at Kruvit Raft Seafood.



Chile. Singha, Heineken and Chang are not too badly priced either.

Should you find by the end of the evening that you've overindulged, you can always spend the night in one of the bungalows available for rent, which come complete with fans, televisions and room service, just in case you've digested enough to fit in a second helping.

– **Photos and story by**
Nicky Vermeulen



For more information on Kruvit Seafood Raft, contact Khun Wuttichart on 089 594 0161 or 089 873 7398.

rather difficult. Whatever the selection, however, it is unlikely to disappoint.

The most popular items on the menu are grouper fish and soya bean soup. Other dishes in demand are Thai sweet shellfish with lemongrass soup, which has a refreshingly zesty aftertaste, steamed crab with seafood sauce, fern seafood salad, mantis shrimp with garlic and pepper and deep fried grouper with sweet chili sauce, which may be the best fish dish on the island.

Other more extravagant delectables on the menu include seven-colored rainbow lobster and napoleon fish, which are a rare treat in the Andaman area as fisherman only catch around five per year due to the depths at which the fish swim.

Kruvit Raft is so popular with those who know about it that fishermen come every day to replenish the 'livestock'.

The wine list is filled with imported brands of red and white from France, South Africa and

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Fast fleet rolls in for island pit stop

AFTER police at Tah Chat Chai checkpoint gave a nod of approval, the thunderous roar of 25 supercars filled the air just after midday on June 26 as the Porsche Club of Singapore's Andaman Drive 2010 tore onto the island.

As part of a week-long tour, the club has made the 3,500-kilometer round-trip from Singapore to Phuket for the past four years.

On the island for just three days, the drivers had a busy schedule: Meeting Phuket's Governor and Police Commander, chauffeuring 40 orphaned or underprivileged children from the Phuket Has Been Good To Us foundation on a sunset drive, getting fired up at a shooting competition and having grand dinners at the Thainaan restaurant and Hilton Phuket Arcadia in Karon (their Phuket home).

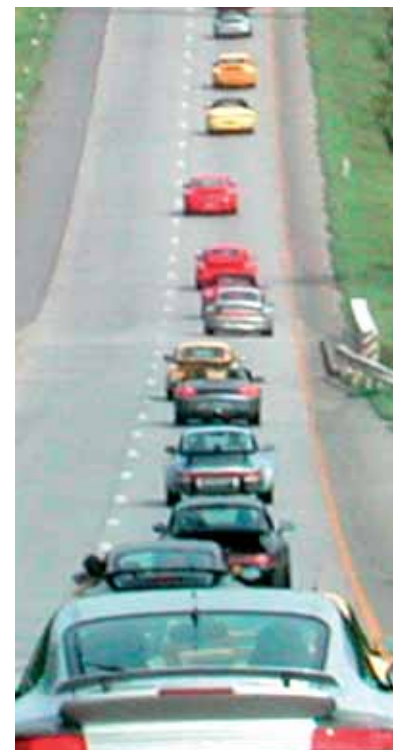
One of the highlights for the Porsche Club drivers was the hotly contested Patong Go-Kart Speedway Challenge (PSC), held in the early morning of June 27. The event saw drivers ditch their multi-million baht supercars and strap into tiny go-karts for 24 laps around the Kathu track.

General Manager of Patong Go-Kart Speedway Joerg Bierwolf, 45, who was also the organizer for the Phuket-leg of the Porsche Club's jaunt, said despite heavy rains threatening to dampen spirits – and cause treacherous racing conditions – the PCS got underway during a rare sunny spell.

The PSC was won by Kin Cheong, 40, from Singapore, in the men's heat and Michelle Kuck, 29, from Singapore, in the women's.

Aside from the Porsche Club's annual race day, Patong Go-Kart Speedway has also welcomed visits from the Princess of

FAST MOVERS: Kin Cheong (center) and Michelle Kuck (left), both from Singapore, came out on top at the Patong Go-Kart Speedway Challenge.



SWEET RIDE: Children from the Phuket Has Been Good To Us foundation (above, left) were treated to a day out with the Porsche Club.

Thailand and the Prince of Qatar since opening for business in 1991.

Joerg is in good spirits this month after his track was recently voted as one of the top five

in the world by *The Gulf Times* newspaper in Qatar.

The Porsche Club left Phuket bound for Hat Yai on June 29.

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Cracking helmet safety

AS PHUKET Police gear up to get tough on helmet laws this month, now is the time to assess if your shiny head protection is all it's cracked up to be. When doing so, there are many considerations to be made regarding the quality, pricing and safety certifications of the helmets available on the island.

Firstly, the undeniable importance of wearing a helmet must be reiterated.

According to police records, over 150 people died in motorbike accidents in Phuket last year and over 14,000 suffered injuries requiring hospital treatment. The absence of seat belts and air bags, combined with heavy traffic and some questionable driving skills, makes helmet wearing of utmost importance.

With helmets, bigger is better. The concept behind helmet safety is to reduce the impact to a rider's skull in the event of a crash.

A bigger helmet provides more area for the energy of the impact to be distributed – keeping it in the helmet and away from the brain.

The functionality of a helmet is simple; the hard outer shell absorbs some impact, but mostly works to protect the inner lining, which is the real life-saver.

The shell should be made of quality materials such as ABS molded thermoplastic, carbon fibre, Kevlar or polycarbonate.

The lining should be made of expanded polystyrene (EPS), which most people commonly refer to as styrofoam. This absorbs the majority of the impact from a collision.

It should also fit snugly, so padding is helpful to ensure your



FACING DANGER: Medium-grade, full-face and half-shell helmets are all common on the roads of Phuket.

head does not bounce around inside the helmet in the event of a crash.

There is a vast range of certification and safety standards around the world.

Interestingly, the common benchmark for most helmets, the widely accepted US Department of Transportation (DOT) certification, doesn't actually certify helmets. It works on an honor system, merely providing the guidelines for safe helmets and leaving it up to the manufacturer to meet those guidelines. Thai helmets are commonly graded by Thailand's own, somewhat indefinite Thai Industrial Standard (TIS). The guidelines for these are available for viewing, in English, at www.tisi.go.th/eng/. Many, if not all, helmets available in Thailand will bear the TIS sticker.

Although the half-shell

helmet is a common sight on Phuket, it provides no protection for the front or side of the face.

This lack of support makes it far more likely to fly off in the event of a crash. This style is

bottom of the range, costing between 100 – 300 baht.

The medium-grade helmet will cover your ears and more of the side of your head.

These are in the 500 - 1,000

baht price range. Full-face helmets, by far the safest option, will cost around 1,000 baht and up.

What is quickly noticeable to anyone researching helmet safety is the lack of information available from the main Thai brands, such as Index, Avex, and B.M.

High-end helmet manufacturers make sure they provide detailed safety information on their websites and in pamphlets attached to the helmet, but most leading Thai brands leave consumers in the dark regarding materials and safety guidelines used when manufacturing their helmets.

Whether the helmet law crackdown materializes or not, those with any brains to protect, will want to wear a helmet regardless.

The key is to look for helmets with soft lining and protection around the entirety of the head, as well as an internationally recognized certification.

Until Thai helmet security standards and laws catch up with the law to actually wear one, this is the safest bet.

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Lending hands and helping paws

BEING a vet on Phuket must be tough. The agony of seeing roadkill lining the island's roads is crushing for any animal lover, but for a vet the tragedy must be all the more painful.

Then there are the animals who weren't so lucky to be killed: The dogs that are maimed and bloodied, and the cats that are broken and whimpering when they arrive at animal clinics around the island.

Many of Phuket's injured and ill animals end up on the operating table of sisters Dr Waraporn 'Aui' Namket, 29, and Dr Wimala 'Vim' Namket, 28.

The pair work for the non-profit Phuket Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) clinic in Wichit, where proceeds are all used to help the island's homeless animals.

Working with animals is tougher than working with humans, says Dr Aui.

"They can't tell you where they hurt or what they're feeling."

The sisters' years of studying veterinary medicine at Khon Kaen University in Thailand's northeast has armed them with the ability to accurately diagnose a plethora of animal-related illnesses.



SISTER SAVIOURS: Dr Aui (above left, top right) and younger sister Dr Vim (bottom right) work tirelessly to help the island's stray animals.

Today, in her fifth year of service at PAWS, Dr Aui works with her younger sister as one of the clinic's two senior vets.

With a day-care center, pet training facility, adoption center

and mobile response unit offered by the clinic, the sisters are kept busy – but the "challenging work" is what keeps them motivated.

"We can never tire of our job," says Dr Aui.

"When we see animals get better, it makes all the hard work worthwhile."

Dr Vim arrived at PAWS one year after her sister as part of a training program for her final year of University.

Dr Vim said she was instantly hooked and upon finishing her degree, permanently relocated to Phuket to join her sister and work for PAWS full-time.

For both sisters, working with animals gives them a sense of fulfillment, but the work can be grisly at times.

Spaying and neutering a seemingly endless line of dogs and cats in a day at the field clinics would be enough to make most people's stomachs churn, but not these sisters.

Sometimes venturing as far as Khao Lak and Kho Prathong in Phang Nga province, the doctors say being on the road allows them to help hundreds of animals they would not usually have been able to.

The sisters are also on call in Phuket and are often out in the PAWS truck searching for injured animals around the island, doing what they can to bring a helping hand to abandoned, abused and malnourished animals.



Although dogs and cats account for the main bulk of the sisters' patients, in recent months they have treated pigs, monkeys, elephants, horses, rabbits, birds, goats and sheep.

To expand her veterinary skills even further, Dr Aui recently registered in an animal dermatology course at the University of Sydney.

Dr Aui says after completing the course she will be able to treat the growing number of Phuket animals affected by skin problems, a common affliction found in tropical climates.

Established in the wake of the 2004 Asian Tsunami, PAWS was initially funded by international grants, but today relies mostly on Phuket donations to keep the clinic doors open.

While the sisters urge people of Phuket to make donations, they added that anyone can take their pet to the PAWS clinic for routine checkups. All proceeds go towards helping Phuket's homeless animals.

PAWS is located on Kwaang Road, Wichit. Visit W: pawsphuket.com for a map and more information. T: 076-264 504. E: paws@pawsphuket.com.

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EXPAT GALLERY

Peter Tkac

PETER Tkac has a business card that announces his profession in life as a "freelance human being". He has a lifetime of experience working in the hospitality industry but believes that enjoying life is the most important job one can have.

He first came to work in the Phuket area in the late 1990s, for Allegro Resorts who had a contract to manage the Phi Phi Cabana Hotel. With Peter's vast experience in managing resort properties, he was given the task of opening the resort.

He also worked at the Phuket Island Resort, now branded as the Six Senses Evason Resort and Spa, in Rawai.

True to his philosophy of enjoying life, when his contract was finished he moved to Cherng Talay to play golf and tennis and to spend time swimming in the Andaman Sea.

"I was enjoying living on Phuket, which I think has some of the best beaches in the world, when I was offered the opportunity to manage the privately owned villas at the island's premier resort destination, Trisara," Peter says.

He spent four years as Villa Manager, setting up operations, training staff and acting as the representative for the villa owners, most of whom lived abroad.

In 2004, he opened his own

business, Shibumi. As Phuket's first high-end luxury villa management company, it provided services for properties such as Cape Sol, Jomchang, Samsara and Ayara Kamala.

After the 2004 tsunami, villa owners contributed to a fund Peter organized to pay school expenses for 600 children whose families had lost their livelihoods.

Peter got his start in the hospitality business quite by accident. After finishing an assignment in the US military during the Vietnam War, he was posted to Japan where he managed an R&R (Rest and Relaxation) post, a place where soldiers came to relax from the rigors of war. He discovered he had a talent for managing recreation facilities. It was a long stretch from his training in chemical and biological warfare in the military.

Peter was born in California and joined the army in 1965. He was accepted into Officer Candidate School and became a Second Lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division. At a tender 21 years, he was dropped into Bien Hoa, Vietnam, during some of the most intense fighting of the war. His duties included planting reconnaissance devices along the Ashau Valley to track North Vietnamese troop movements.

"That time living in Thailand and Vietnam got me very inter-

ested in living in Asia, and in the study of Buddhism and the potential of the human mind."

When he returned to live in the United States, he spent much of the 1970s living at the beach and teaching tennis, volleyball and skiing at a community college.

In 1976, he was hired by Club Med to teach tennis in the summers and skiing in the winters. He moved about the world working in Club Med destinations from Italy to Martinique to Tahiti.

During the 1980s, Peter consulted on setting up recreation facilities at beach clubs.

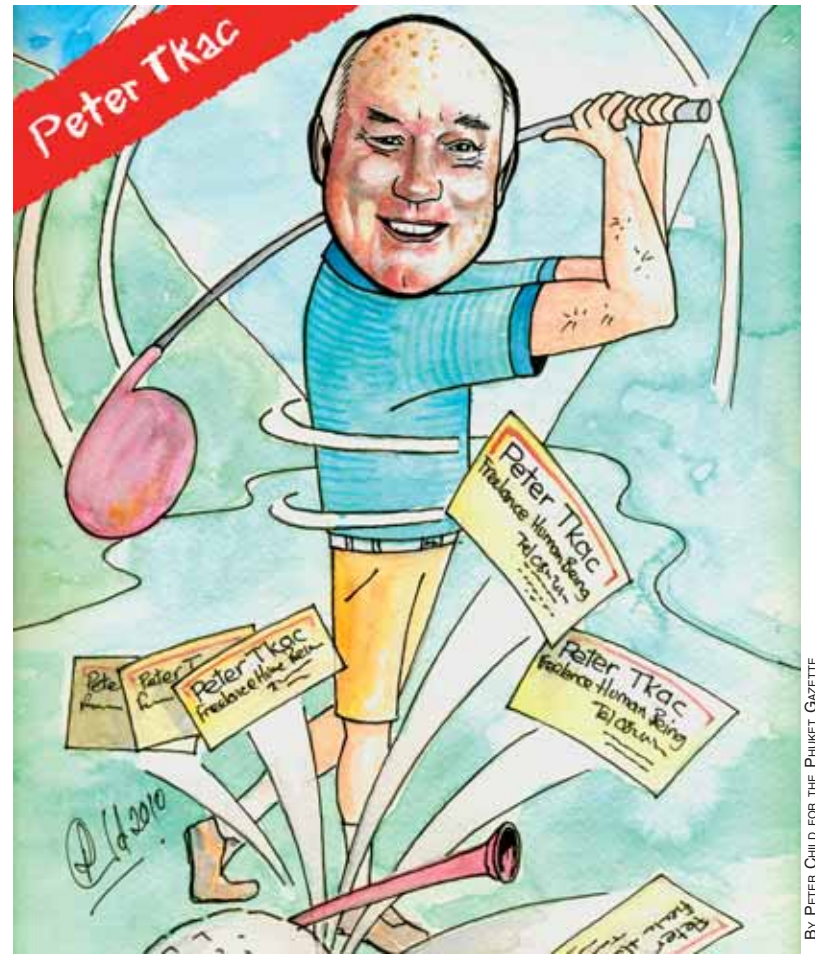
He then managed a number of upscale restaurants for Chart House, one of America's premier dining operations. The work took him to Florida, Puerto Rico and California.

In 1990, he moved to Guam to organize the sports program for the Pacific Islands Club, and then spent three years at the Truk Lagoon where he was General Manager for a hotel owned by Continental Airlines.

While it seems that Peter has been very busy with his career, he has always taken long breaks between resort postings to travel, play golf and explore the world. And it now seems he's found a permanent home in Thailand.

"I love golfing on Phuket and I've taken a second home in Chiang Rai as I want to experience more of the country. I appreciate the mountains, the rice fields and the cooler weather. Yes, I plan to stay in Thailand."

— Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

The individuals profiled in the *Gazette's* 'Expat Gallery' series have been chosen on the basis of their contributions to Phuket, and, as foreigners, for having made those contributions in successful partnerships with Thais. For many, the contributions have entailed significant investment, often at a time (mid-80s to mid-90s) when the rules of business were, ah, not entirely clear. Some of our subjects are not business people at all, but have added real value to Phuket as English teachers, journalists, artists, engineers, fund raisers, etc. But all have one thing in common: if there were a *Who's Who in Phuket*, they'd be in it.

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CULTURE KIDS: Students from Rawai Progressive School recently visited the China Inn on Thalang Road to learn about the customs of the early Chinese settlers in Phuket. Ajarn Pranee Sakulpipatana, local historian and President of the Phuket Community Foundation, is pictured with the children.



SPLASH LANDING: As part of their "100% Airbus 100% Happiness" campaign, AirAsia's brand-new Airbus A-320 flew 40 children from Chiang Mai to Phuket last month so they could experience their first-ever beach trip.



GEEK ALERT : The third anniversary of Phuket's Computer Clinic sessions was celebrated at a "Geekfest" on June 27 at Woody's Sandwich Shoppe in Chalong. Clinic founder, computer guru and sandwich baron Woody Leonhard (back row, blue shirt) with fellow celebrators.



BASS SHAKES UP KARON: The Phuket Music Festival rocked Karon beach from June 25 - 26, with DJ Activa from the UK (main picture) and many others spinning tunes to hoards of revelers (above), including a few locals posing here with Rebecca Dix (left) and Ann Sofie. Photos by Nicky Vermeulen



ENCHANTED EYES: Dr Piyawat Boonyuenyongsakun, Managing Director of Zhulian (Thailand) Ltd. along with 2,000 representatives visited the many attractions at Phuket FantaSea recently.



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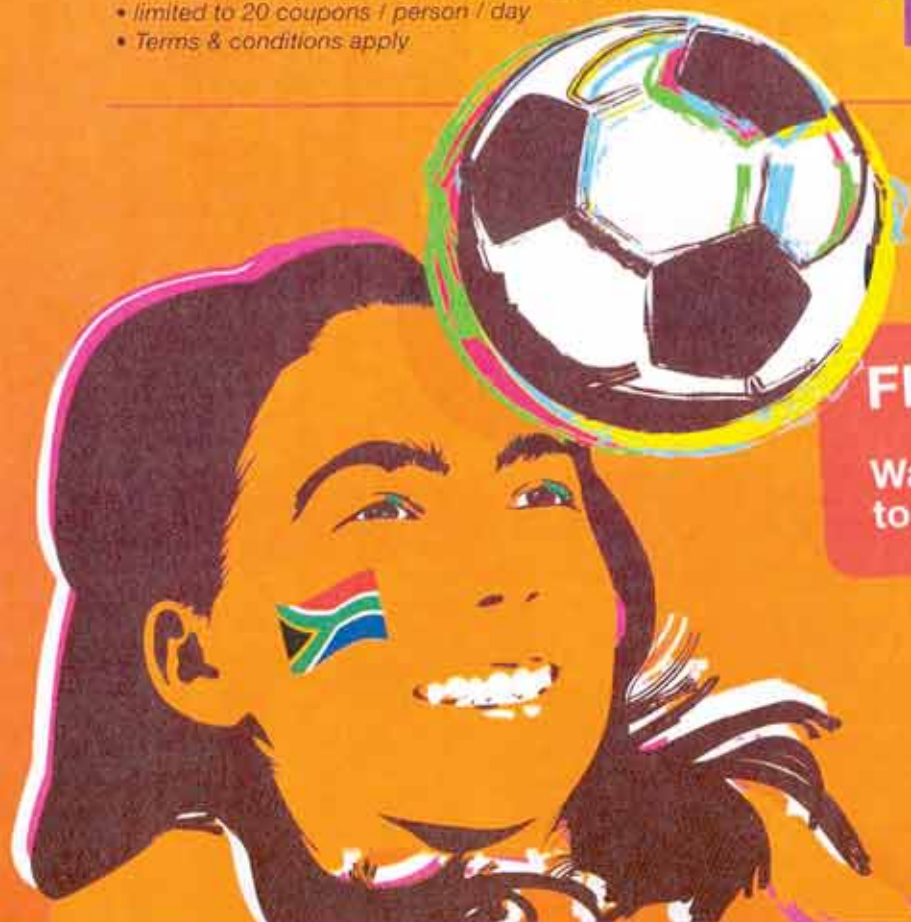
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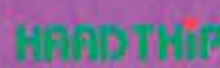
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June 6 – July 18. Brazilian Soccer Sundays

Beginning with just four children back in 1996, the Brazilian Soccer School has quickly become one of the largest and respected soccer training camps for children in the world. The seven-week course is being held every Sunday until July 18 at Royal Phuket Marina. The price is 2,450 baht

per child, per course. For further information contact Martin Hill. T: 085-331 0295. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com.

June 22 – July 22. Formula 1 at Radisson Plaza

Catch the all the Formula 1 action live on the big screen. Specialty red and white wines from Spain are available during the race at 195 baht++ per glass. Order a Formula 1 pizza and receive two bottles of Singha beer for only 350 baht++. From 7pm – 10pm at the Octo Lounge at Radisson Plaza. For further information contact Khun Anothai. T: 076-602500. E: pr.phuket@radisson.com. W: radisson.com/phuketth_plaza.

June 26 – August 20. Summer Family Festival at Laguna Phuket

The Laguna Phuket Summer Family Festival is for both kids and parents, offering daily 'Kidz Fun Zone' programs from 2 – 5pm. There will be a bouncy castle, flying trapeze, 'Kidz Lounge' with movies and video games and much more to keep the young ones occupied while parents relax with happy hour prices and barbecue fare in the Festival Beer Tent. From 2:00 pm – 12:00 am at Canal Shopping Village. For further information contact Chureeporn Manabutr. T: 076-362330. E: shopping@lagunaphuket.com. W: lagunaphuket.com/familyfestival.

July 4. Picnic at Headstart for 4th of July

Everyone is invited to an American-style picnic, from 10am – 7pm at Headstart International School Phuket, across from Makro on the road to Kathu, one kilometer from Central Festival. Hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs and beverages will be on sale, while plenty of music and games will provide ongoing entertainment. Bring the kids! Free entry and fireworks at sunset. For further information contact David Rucker. T: 087-266 7514. E: rucker4012@aol.com. W: navyleaguephuket.org.

July 4. BBQ Buffet & 4th of July Party at Coyote

Join Coyote Phuket for their first annual 4th of July Deck Party & BBQ Buffet, from 2pm until late. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet featuring smokey ribs, beer brats, burgers, BBQ chicken, hot dogs and all-American salad bar. 499 baht for adults, 299 baht for kids under 13. From 2pm – 1am on Patong Beach Rd, above Starbucks. For further information contact the manager or Chef Matt. T: 076-344366. E: info@coyote Phuket.com. W: coyote Phuket.com.

July 4. Friendship Beach Resort 4th of July Party & Buffet

Friendship Beach Resort proudly hosts its annual 4th of July Party. Featuring live music by the band Tropical Rhythm, fireworks on the beach and a BBQ buffet with ribs, salmon, chicken and all the trimmings. 490 baht, from 6pm – 11pm at Friendship Beach Resort, Rawai. For further information contact Chef Charlie. T: 089-728 5304. E: chef@friendshipbeach.com. W: friendshipbeach.com.

July 4. 'Happy Birthday America' 4th of July Buffet

All-you-can-eat, including charcoal-grilled BBQ ribs, whole marinated chicken, jumbo hot dogs and more, at the World Cafe at Mercure Patong. 599 baht per person. Enjoy drinks from the happy hour list during dinner. From 6:30pm – 10:30pm. For further information contact Chonlathich Na nakorn. T: 076-302100. E: salesphuket@mercurephuket.com. W: mercurepatongphuket.com.

July 5 – 9; July 12 – 16. PIA Sports & Leisure Club Brazilian Soccer Camp

Daily training at the camps will include unique FDS moves, turning, balances and traps, passing, ball to air, juggling, core skills, one-on-one and two-on-two training, game play and daily three-a-side World Cup games. From 4,000 baht per week. From 9am – 5pm at PIA Sports & Leisure Club. For further information contact Khun Mik. T: 076-376000. E: activities@phuketinternationalacademy.com. W: phuketinternationalacademy.com.

July 9. Curry Fridays

Indian food buffs are invited to enjoy an authentic and lavish Indian curry buffet on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet with classic Indian dishes like chicken tikka masala, mutton vindaloo, juicy kebabs and more for 399 baht. Draft beer by the glass for 50 baht. From 7pm – 11:30pm at Navrang Mahal, Karon Sea Sands Resort & Spa. For further information contact Seemant Raju. T: 076-286464. E: sm@karonseasand.com. W: karonseasand.com.

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INVESTMENT management and real estate service heavy hitter Jones Lang LaSalle have won a new contract with Absolute Resorts and Hotels Phuket.

Jones Lang LaSalle – headquartered in Chicago and with properties in over 60 countries – will take over a number of management responsibilities for condominium units at the Absolute Bangla Suites in Patong and the Nakalay Beach Resort.

Resort management and operations for both properties will still be provided by Absolute Resorts and Hotels.

“With the expertise of Jones Lang LaSalle, our condominium owners at both developments will be ensured professional management allowing both properties to operate effectively and efficiently, providing both strong returns and capital growth of their asset,” said Bryan Lunt, Chairman and CEO of Absolute World Group.

Jones Lang LaSalle has offices on Thepkasattri Road in Phuket and regional headquarters in Bangkok.

Absolute deal done and dusted



Condominiums at the Nakalay Beach Resort are under the new management of Jones Lang LaSalle.

Get your brain in gear for ‘Tech Talk’

DISGRUNTLED technophobes are in for a treat this month as software Park Phuket has announced its schedule of weekly ‘Tech Talk’ discussions.

Organized by Dr Rattana Wetprasit, the discussions are aimed at Phuket residents – both Thai and foreign – who have an interest in the following subjects:

July 8: Get to know Google Docs by Phuket Innovation Incubation Center, Software Park Phuket (Thai presentation with English slides, no translation).

July 15: CAT CDMA 3G: Wireless technology for your life style, by CAT Telecom Phuket (Thai presentation with English slides, no translation).

July 22: How we work! Business-oriented entrepreneurship and social engagement to build up a sustainable development for the future, by LisAndi (English presentation with Thai translation).

July 29: Gimp: Open-source software for graphic design, by PSU and LisAndi (Thai presentation with English slides and translation).

‘Tech Talk’ is a series of free weekly activities for people interested in building the ICT community in Phuket and putting the latest, most effective computer technology to work on the island.

Organizers are trying to bring together people who want to learn state-of-the-art techniques, with topics that range from explaining new technology to real-life experiences with computer systems here in Phuket.

These session run every Thursday, from 6pm to 7:30pm, on the third floor of Software Park Phuket, on Chao Fah West Road northbound in Wichit, about one kilometer north of Kajon-kietsuksa School.

Anyone interested in attending should reserve a seat by email: training@softwareparkphuket.com

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New Myanmar - Phuket flights this peak season

MYANMAR’S two private airlines have announced plans to purchase new aircraft to service new routes, including Phuket, just in time for the country’s upcoming peak tourism season,

the *Earth Times Online* reports.

The season, which coincides with Phuket’s, ends in February.

Both Air Bagan, established in 2004, and Air Mandalay, founded in 1994, are re-

portedly expanding their limited fleets before November.

Air Mandalay flies to nine domestic locations as well as to Chiang Mai.

Air Bagan’s first international flight was from Yangon to

Bangkok in 2007. The airline currently flies to 20 destinations, mostly domestic.

Airline representatives said the airline is planning to buy two Airbus A-320s to service, in addition to Phuket, other regional destinations such as Bangkok, Siem Reap, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

It also plans to acquire two ATR 72-500 prop jets for its domestic routes. But with only four months remaining before the country’s peak season arrives, the airline may be facing a challenge.

According to a report in the *Myanmar Times* last week, an Air Bagan spokesman says that the company “hasn’t decided exactly when the new aircraft will be purchased or where they will be acquired from.”

Myanmar saw a 39% jump in international tourist arrivals during the first three months of this year, according to the Pacific Asia Travel Association.

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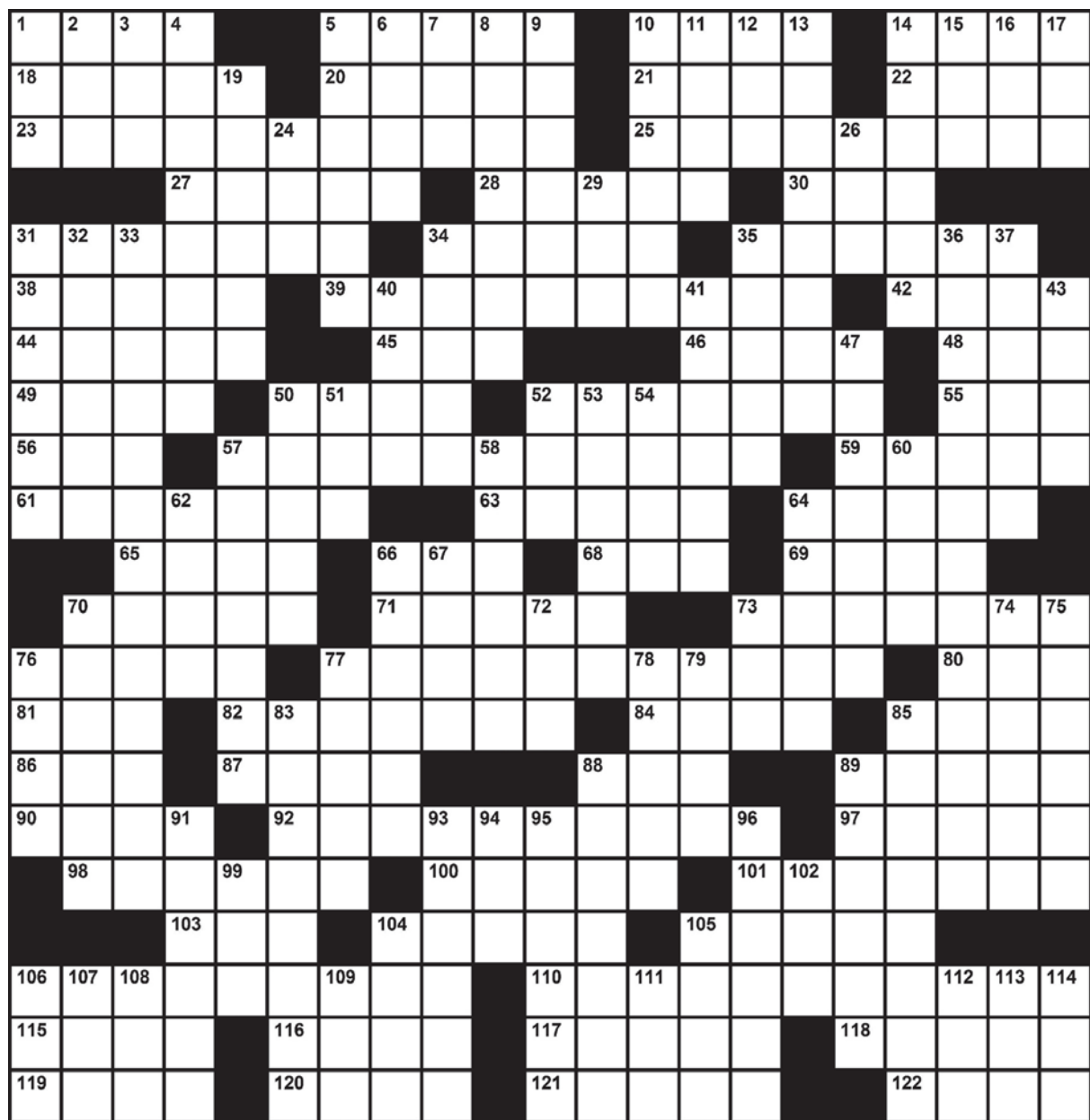
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- 1 ____-serif (type style)
- 5 Manila envelope closer
- 10 Dweeb
- 14 Snatch by force
- 18 Scar's voice in "The Lion King"
- 20 Western part of Hispaniola
- 21 Frost
- 22 Steakhouse specification
- 23 Bullied
- 25 Leash law, for example
- 27 Customary practices
- 28 Beautify
- 30 Counterpart to "Ooh!"
- 31 Lose consciousness
- 34 "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
- 35 Skirt folds
- 38 Consumed with gusto
- 39 Time not long past
- 42 Racing competition
- 44 Setting for "Madeline"
- 45 Remnant of a fire
- 46 Burden of proof
- 48 Unspecified ordinal
- 49 Theater sign
- 50 Work off nervous energy, in a way
- 52 Agent's 10 or 15
- 55 Anonymous Jane or John
- 56 Brazilian getaway city
- 57 Hardly generous
- 59 Music hall
- 61 Pizza topping choice
- 63 Move toward day's end
- 64 Judge's domain
- 65 Target of urban renewal
- 66 "Who am ____ judge?"
- 68 Living qtrs.

- 69 Vividly colored fish
- 70 Feeling between friends
- 71 Mid-morning prayer
- 73 Like spuds without buds
- 76 Much-watched interest rate
- 77 Dopey
- 80 Roddy McDowall portrayal of 1968
- 81 Lithium-____ battery
- 82 Creates art from stone
- 84 1984 Olympics no-show
- 85 Journey
- 86 Cow's chew
- 87 Television's Spelling
- 88 Debater's position
- 89 Kama ____
- 90 On the ocean
- 92 Members of religious factions
- 97 Fishing basket
- 98 Small whirlpools
- 100 "____ by any other name ..."
- 101 Lists of tasks
- 103 Fond du ____, Wisc.
- 104 Got on one's knees
- 105 Black cats and broken mirrors, to some
- 106 Pressed metal into thin sheets
- 110 Given to incessant talk
- 115 Thick piece of marble
- 116 Neck's scruff
- 117 "I Still See ____" ("Paint Your Wagon" tune)
- 118 High clouds
- 119 Places for trophy cases
- 120 Cut corners
- 121 Complete makeovers
- 122 Soon-to-be adult

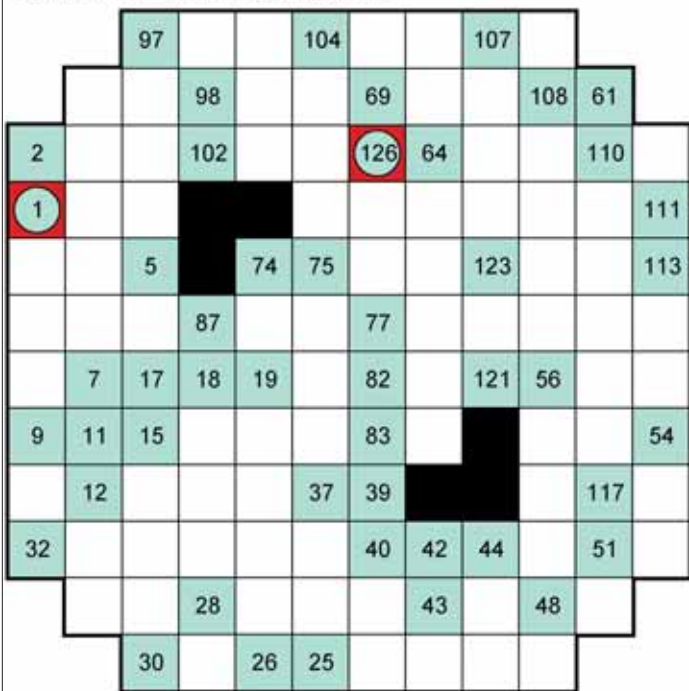
- "Jeopardy!" host Fleming
- 3 Companion of neither
- 4 Winter attire
- 5 Extremely talkative
- 6 "Little House" character
- 7 Rifleman's second in command?
- 8 Bomber type
- 9 Fritter (away)
- 10 Like some plants or problems
- 11 Bald, as tires
- 12 First year after B.C.
- 13 Demonstration test
- 14 Evangelist Billy
- 15 Appeared in the paper
- 16 Joan of ____
- 17 Plant pollinator
- 19 Nosy folks
- 24 Wildebeest
- 26 Highlands negative
- 29 "____ the land of the free ..."
- 31 "The Valachi ____"
- 32 Loss of muscle coordination
- 33 Showing thought and good sense
- 34 Balance-sheet plus
- 35 Clear-____ windows
- 36 Gentle and kind
- 37 Embark, as on a journey
- 40 "To ____ his own"
- 41 Epoch in which deer developed
- 43 Those folks
- 47 Bent one's back
- 50 Tiny tribesman (Var.)
- 51 "____ before beauty"
- 52 Actress/singer Zadora
- 53 Rolle of "Good Times"
- 54 66 and others (Abbr.)
- 57 Least loose

- 58 Broccoli piece
- 60 Like some track meets or personalities
- 62 Unlikely, as chances
- 64 More demure
- 66 Type with a slant
- 67 Fill-in worker, briefly
- 70 Stir to action
- 72 Place to go for "60 Minutes"
- 73 The two for tennis?
- 74 Meadowsweet, e.g.
- 75 Calyx parts
- 76 Twelve-point type
- 77 Artificial bait
- 78 Psychics claim to see them
- 79 "Help ____ the way!"
- 83 Trigonometry function
- 85 Rotisserie
- 88 Old gold coin of Spain
- 89 Picturesque
- 91 Deviates from the script
- 93 Bicycle built for two
- 94 "What ____ the odds?"
- 95 Painter's tool
- 96 Identical to (with "the")
- 99 Suffix with "Oregon"
- 102 Congeal
- 104 French military cap
- 105 ____ buco (Italian dish)
- 106 Powerful psychedelic
- 107 Pub crawl beverage
- 108 Dog's best friend?
- 109 La Brea goop
- 111 Human conclusion?
- 112 "Vent" or "view" leader
- 113 Previous to, poetically
- 114 Clatter

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- Which letter is used to describe absolute zero, a temperature equal to minus 273°C?
- Which movie sees Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis dressed as women in an all-girl band?
- How many times was Wyatt Earp shot?
- In what movie was Travis Bickle the anti-hero?
- First appearing on TV in 1967, which detective solved all of his crimes sitting down?
- In Eastenders, Arthur and Pauline Fowler had three children: Mark, Michelle and...?
- What nationality were the Pennsylvanian Dutch?
- In the film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, what is the first name of Roger's wife?
- Which character did John Cleese play in the James Bond film *The World Is Not Enough*?
- Barry Humphries plays Dame Edna Everage, but which character does he play as the Australian Cultural Attache?
- Who wrote and performed the Oscar-nominated track *Blaze Of Glory* for the movie *Young Guns 2*?
- In what movie was Luke Jackson the anti-hero?
- Who played Irish-American cop Jim Malone in the 1987 film *The Untouchables*?
- The 1960s band Cream had three members: Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker and...?
- How long did the 100 Years War last?
- Which Canadian-born actress was the star in the movie *Barb Wire*?
- In Charles Dickens' novel *Hard Times*, what was Thomas Gradgrind's job?
- Who wrote *Frankenstein*?
- In 2009, *Take That* had four members: Gary Barlow, Howard Donald, Jason Orange and...?
- What was the name of the killer Dirty Harry was tracking in the Clint Eastwood film by the same name?

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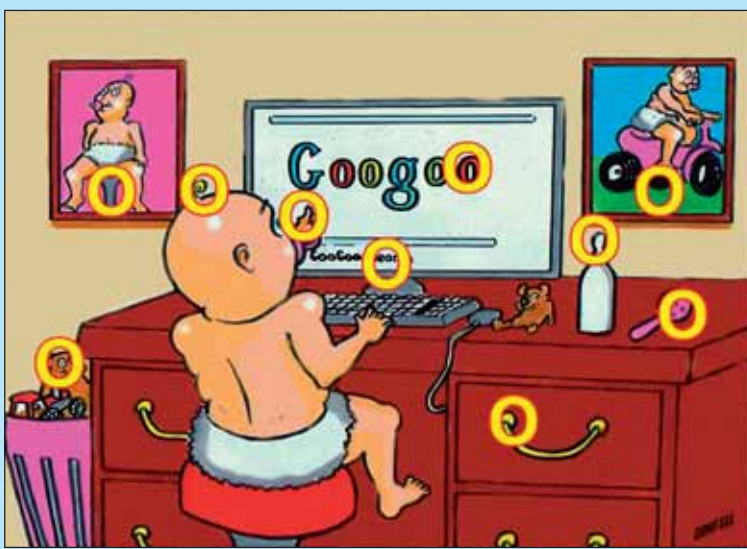
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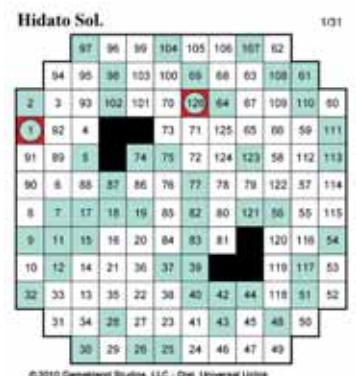
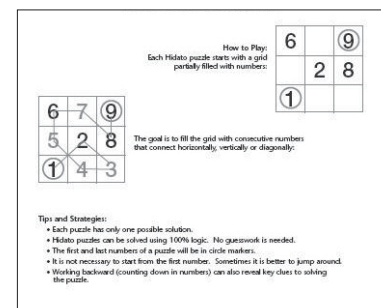
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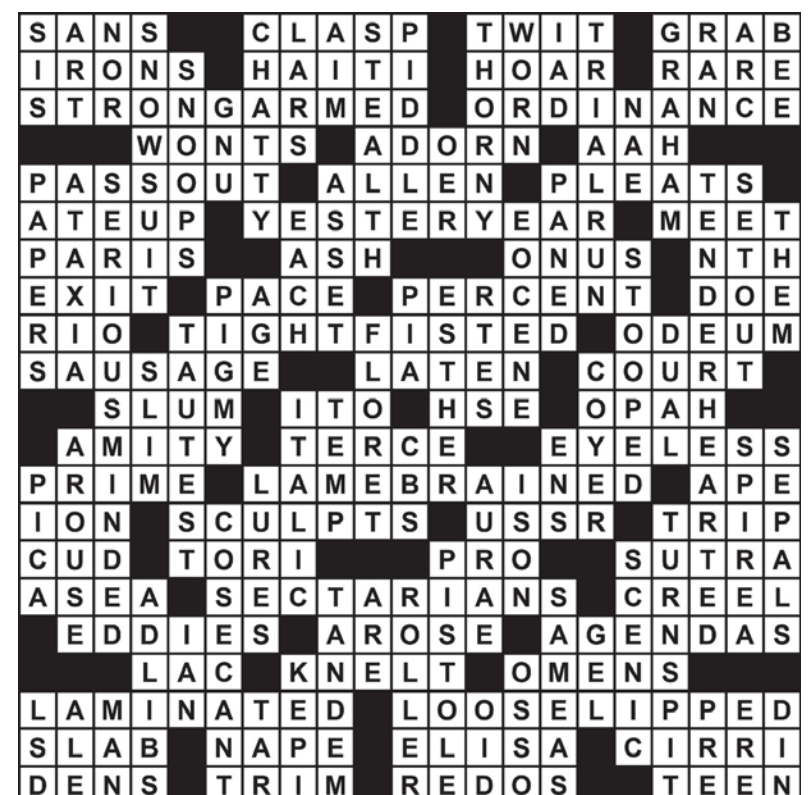
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- K (zero° Kelvin)
- Some Like It Hot*
- None
- Taxi Driver*
- Ironside
- Martin
- German
- Jessica
- R (Q's successor)
- Sir Les Patterson
- Jon Bon Jovi
- Cool Hand Luke*
- Sean Connery
- Jack Bruce
- 113 / 116 years
- Pamela Anderson
- Headmaster
- Mary Shelley
- Mark Owen
- Scorpio the Sniper

Hidato: How to play and this week's puzzle solution.



Solution to this week's crossword



Obama and the Joshua generation



Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

DAVID Remnick is a publishing phenomenon. Fifty-two years old now, he worked for 10 years at *The Washington Post*, four of them as its Moscow correspondent. Fluent in Russian, he was there at the fall of the Soviet Union. His book *Lenin's Tomb: the Last Days of the Russian Empire* won the 1994 Pulitzer Prize.

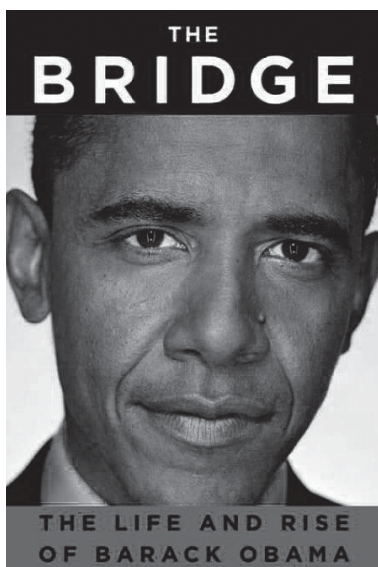
For the last 12 years he has been the editor of *The New Yorker* and somehow found the time to write a hefty biography called *The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama* (Alfred A Knopf, New York, 2010, 656pp).

Remnick had extensive

face time with Obama and the list of the people he interviewed covers four pages. He put in an incredible amount of leg-work that took him from Hawaii to Indonesia to California to New York, Chicago, Harvard and onward through Obama's political career.

This is not a hagiography, but at times it veers perilously close. There are barbed observations from his political rivals, mention of the women he loved and left and associates he abandoned on his rise to power. But the overarching theme is that he was the man of the hour, the leader of the Joshua generation that inherited the mantle left by the Moses generation of Martin Luther King.

The title *The Bridge* refers to the Edmund Pettus Bridge over the Alabama River in Selma, Alabama, where on March 7, 1965, 600 peaceful marchers led by John Lewis and Hosea Williams were confronted by a line of state troopers who attacked them with clubs and tear gas. Towards the end of the book,



DAVID REMNICK

Congressman John Lewis says that, in the light of history, on the other end of that bridge stood Barack Obama.

Obama was four years old at the time. He was two when Martin Luther King gave his "I Have a Dream Speech" at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington.

Yet he was to develop

into a towering orator and powerful political talent. As one of his former colleagues at the University of Chicago observed:

"He always had that aura. He said 'good morning' and you thought it was an event. He has that kind of charisma – just like Bill Clinton, but without the seediness. He makes you feel embraced and listened to. Clinton was always seducing you. This is a more wholesome version of the experience."

The facts of Obama's life are known through his two books, but Remnick's genius is to plunge behind these facts into deeper background: Indonesia's political turmoil, the founding of the elite Hawaiian high school Obama attended, the intellectual ferment at Harvard and the University of Chicago, Chicago machine politics, the upper-class black and white liberal social milieu that enabled Barack and his wife to shine.

These are all reinforced by personal accounts of those who knew him as student, community

organizer and budding politician.

Some of their insights are acute. Here is black journalist Salim Muwakkil's impression of Obama:

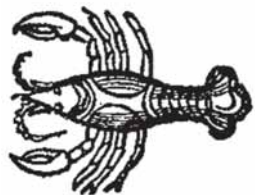
"One of the reasons he is so attractive to a lot of people is that he doesn't have this sense of cultural grievance...He had to learn that cultural repertoire of African-Americans. The notion that you are socialized in an environment that you were inferior, that you spend much of your energy proving that you aren't inferior, that kind of double consciousness – he didn't have to deal with that."

This is clearly seen in the organization of his presidential campaign. Instead of surrounding himself with a black coterie, Obama's core team were white, mainly Jewish, political operators from Chicago. Unfortunately, Remnick narrows his focus on the campaign to mostly racial issues. That story is better told by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin in their book about Obama's presidential campaign, *Game Change*.

Horoscopes



Isla Star



CANCER (June 22-July 23): July begins with many Cancerians in low gear. Those born under the sign of Cancer who feel as though they are being held back are advised to open their eyes. Seeing the world as black and white is preventing you from getting the full picture. If your birthday is in the week ahead, you will be prepared to take more chances in the coming year. Wear aquamarine to encourage a livelier mood.



LEO (July 24-August 22): Leos could waste time by searching for a needle in a haystack this week. The stars suggest that the chances of finding the object in question are slim. Concentrate on what you can do, rather than what you want to do and rewards will come. Your romantic outlook starts to become more positive as July progresses – this weekend could see an earth sign sending a clear message of interest.



VIRGO (August 23-September 23): As July begins, many Virgoans will receive a lucky break. Your employment situation is especially well-starred – expect to benefit when a colleague suddenly departs. Romance with another earth sign is sweet and sour;

keep lines of communication open rather than taking distance. Those who are single enjoy socializing with others in the same boat this weekend. Wear a piece of lapis lazuli to encourage a better way with words.



LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Your willingness to lend a hand is appreciated by a fire sign this weekend. Librans will not have to wait long for this favor to be repaid. Friendships are forecast to be more important than usual during July, with emphasis on fences being mended. Your romantic outlook is strong this week – a partner has a change of heart concerning holiday plans and this suits you fine. The number four is lucky on Monday.



SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Many Scorpions continue to be preoccupied with issues revolving around romantic relationships. The stars indicate that an important decision will need to be made this month – listening to objective advice from another water sign this weekend can help focus your perception. A stroke of luck at work should result in pressure being lifted. Your financial outlook for July is generally good, but discrepancy over a debt is highlighted midweek.



SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Success nears for Sagittarians in July, although events this week

could cause you to think otherwise. The astral atmosphere will be slightly stormy until Thursday – put agreements on hold to avoid regret. Your social life picks up pace and an introduction to an air sign can stimulate a new sport interest. Romance with Taurus is well-starred, but takes off slowly. Wear dove gray to encourage patience.

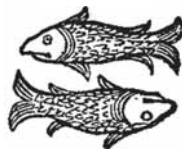


CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Capricorns may be used as scapegoats during the first half of July. Where finances are concerned, you are advised to monitor transactions carefully. Your romantic outlook is fine – someone you have been starry-eyed about wants to get to know you. Tuesday is the most auspicious day for a first date. Those already committed should see an improvement in their partner's attitude towards finances. Wear peacock blue to encourage more self-confidence.



AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): This week you are likely to discover that there is a fine line between saving face and being economical with the truth. The astral atmosphere is clouded for Aquarians during the first week of July – choose your words wisely when communicating with bureaucracy in particular. A fledgling romantic relationship could require more input than you are prepared to give. Finances benefit from a windfall and more

gain is forecast towards the end of the month.



PISCES (February 20-March 20): The heat is suddenly on if you have been looking for a change of employment. Those who have not been managing to keep their heads above water could receive a tempting job offer, but a snap decision will be called for. The tide turns for love-struck Pisceans – an earth sign is forecast to respond to your subtle hints this weekend. Wear coral pink to encourage peace of mind.



ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians are forecast to find much to their liking in July. This week, your talent for being in the right place at the right time should result in a useful business contact being made. Where romance is concerned, the stars suggest that another fire sign's jealousy could cause sparks in a new relationship. Those already committed may find it hard to admit that their partner knows best about a financial situation.



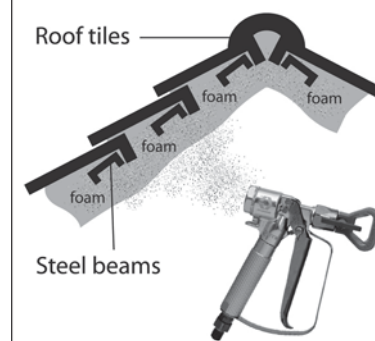
TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Taurians are predicted to hear something to their advantage this week. While it may be tempting to push your luck, the stars advise that you should not rock this particular boat. Your usually economical tendencies could be put to the test this weekend, but finances remain well-starred

until the middle of July. Romance is subject to disagreements – avoid being stubborn over a minor issue this weekend.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21): July is forecast to be a demanding month and Geminis could get caught up in too much activity this week. Planning ahead is advisable to avoid letting people down. A newcomer on your social scene has interesting business ideas, but diving in at the deep end is not recommended. Your holiday plans are subject to alteration as other people involved could suddenly change their minds. Wear a piece of onyx to encourage a more serious outlook.

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Advances in IT could help clean up Phuket

Most private firms on the island realize that keeping up with developments in information technology is a difficult and never-ending effort, but one vital to competitiveness.

Talk of Phuket's designation as an 'IT hub' has been a recurring theme in the news over the past decade. This IT optimism reached its zenith in during the first Thaksin administration, when we were told the days of Singapore's unofficial reign as the regional IT capital were numbered. The Lion City was destined to fall behind Phuket and Thailand, which would soon boast '10 Singapores,' one government minister claimed at the time.

That hasn't happened, but there has been considerable improvement in the island's IT infrastructure since then.

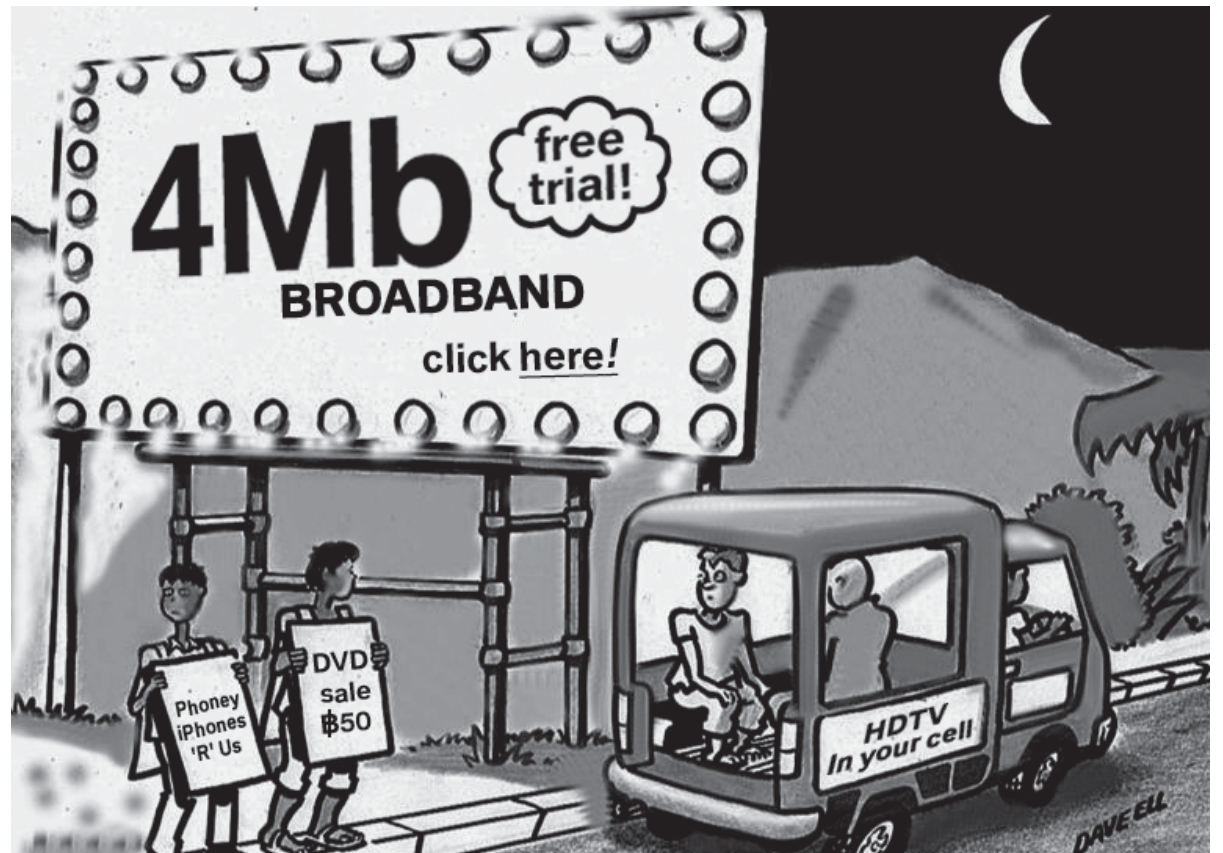
Most important is the increased availability and speed of international Internet connections. Current options might not be as reliable, cheap or fast as they could be, but the situation is still light years ahead of how things stood a decade ago – and enormously better than even just a few years ago.

Thanks in large part to the installation of fiber-optic cable networks, the result has been a big increase in the number of Wi-Fi hotspots, with Internet cafés in every neighborhood and connectivity available to just about anyone who wants it. Laptop owners are also able to take advantage of 'air card' technology to work just about anywhere on the island, making the dream of working by the beach a reality.

On the business side, the island last year saw the opening of Phuket Software Park, which is now hosting free weekly seminars on a variety of topics. A special note of thanks should also go out to the island's IT community and one of its pioneers, long-time *Gazette* columnist Woody Leonhard, who has been running free computer clinics on the island for years.

But despite all these positive developments, most local government agencies have kept their feet firmly planted in the past, ignoring the Internet and steadfastly relying on outdated technologies like the fax machine, billboards and banners as well as obnoxious sound trucks as the primary vehicles for disseminating information to the public.

All local government agencies, especially municipalities and tambon administration organizations, should be doing everything possible to make Phuket a tropical high-tech paradise. A good way for them to start would be by setting up and maintaining informative, user-friendly websites that are updated regularly with information both in Thai and English. Sadly, many appear more committed to the use of ugly roadside signage and other visual pollution that should have no place on a tropical resort island.



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Thanks for looking back on Phuket

Re: Phuket Gazette, Looking Back: Desfarge's failure to land, June 26

Please congratulate Mr Anand Singh on his marvelous article about the French vessels trying to dock at Phuket. It is a pleasure to read about historical facts from the 16th and 17th centuries in the South of Thailand because too little is published about it.

Now that he has written something about the French, maybe Mr Singh can publish something about the Dutch and their relationship with the Kingdom of Pattani. If I am correct, there must still be road signs which bear Dutch names in the old town of Pattani.

After all the bad news about road signs, tunnels, landslides and tuk-tuks, this was a joy to read.

**Manu Alders
Phuket**

Farewell to a mentor and friend

Eric Tomlin was one of the first agents to call me to wish me well when I opened the Knight Frank Phuket office in March 2003 [*Phuket Gazette*, Eric Tomlin passes on, June 26]. He welcomed our involvement and was delighted to see what he described as "the first of the internationals to arrive in Phuket."

In the early days he mentored me with advice and was always a phone call away if I ever needed someone to bounce ideas off. Eric, you lifted my spirits and gave me much needed

motivation when I needed it. You will be missed by many friends on the island, but especially by myself, my wife Annie and our son young Angus. May you rest in peace.

**Stephen O'Brien
Phuket**

Lock 'em up

Great news about the crackdown on helmet wearing [*Phuket Gazette*, D-Day for passenger helmet crackdown, June 26]. It's a shame that adults need financial deterrents in order to act responsibly on the road and wear their helmets.

I have on many occasions seen people driving motorbikes with a helmet dangling off a handlebar, only so that they can, with one hand, pop the helmet on their head when approaching a police checkpoint and remove it again once they have passed through. What idiotic behavior!

Surely that farce requires more 'effort' than wearing a helmet for the duration of the ride. There is literally no room on Phuket's roads for this kind of attitude toward personal safety.

**Frank Malloy
Surin**

It's up to you

I have been waiting a long time for the crackdown forcing everyone on motorbikes to wear helmets. It is absolutely ridiculous that after all these years – and all the deaths and serious injuries reported by the *Gazette* and the Thai papers – that it has taken so long for such a law to be brought into effect.

I have no idea what the current statistics are, but for years in Phuket on average a person died

every 36 to 48 hours and more than 10,000 people a year received hospital treatment – all inflicted through motorcycle accidents.

Surely there is not a single family on the island that has not suffered a brother, sister, mother, father, son, daughter or close friend having their life cut short because of a motorcycle accident. When will we learn? Now, I hope.

I hail the efforts of the police in attempting to tackle this crucial issue. I cannot hold them responsible for people who continually drive recklessly and can't even be bothered to wear helmets for their own safety.

It's easy to blame the police, but they cannot be everywhere, all the time, making sure every person is obeying traffic safety laws. If we can't be bothered to take measures to save our own lives, then why should anyone else? If you want safer roads, then step up; don't be a lazy coward and blame the cops. That just isn't fair.

**Terry Seagram
Phuket Town**

A humble return

I have heard that defending World Cup champions Italy are so ashamed of their performance at this year's tournament that they have requested no payment for their 'work' during the group stages.

On top of this, they have bought themselves economy class seats for their trip home.

Albeit a small gesture for someone who makes their kind of money, I think it is a significant demonstration to their fans that they feel bad for letting them down. Maybe Rooney should take note.

**Dave Spink
Patong**

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Driving a Patong powerhouse



FIRST PERSON

Patong Bay Garden Resort, La Casa Italian restaurant, Soi Easy, Hollywood disco, the Pisona Plus property development, the Pisona Development construction company and four radio stations. On behalf of Pisona Tour and Transport, Mr Preechavude took a leading role in forming the Patong Taxi Federation in February this year. The goal of the Federation is to bring together the taxi, tuk-tuk and motor vehicle rental companies of Patong in order to improve co-operation and service standards. **Compiled by Pimwara Choksakulpan.**

I was chosen as the president of the Patong Taxi Federation because of my reputation among people in this industry. My company was originally contracted to provide taxi and tuk-tuk services for Jungceylon. We needed more vehicles, so I decided to bring in operators from nearby taxi stands. I wanted to give them a chance and share the opportunity, so I vouched for them as drivers and made them part of our service team for Jungceylon.

Now the Federation is a larger, non-profit organization, and we don't intend to compete or bargain with government agencies. We want to create a better image of Patong, as it is important to encourage residents to love our city and see how business is conducted.

Before the Federation was formed, there were many taxi, tuk-tuk, and vehicle rental stands in Patong operating separately. Some of them had arguments and their was no unity among them. What we are trying to do is increase social order and co-operation to get rid of the fighting.

We now have uniforms for our drivers at the Jungceylon stand. For the others it must be step-by-step. I will ask hotels to sponsor uniforms with the their logos on them. Uniforms create order and can help with advertisement as well. We are also making stickers for members to let tourists know who is part of our Federation.

The Federation has set up

seminars to improve our drivers' skills and taken them to get driving licenses. They underwent customer service training and drug testing as well.

We participate in activities such as tree planting and government parades to encourage community involvement. We have organized a sports day to help our members get to know each other. We try to do as much good as we can, such as returning any items left in our vehicles.

Our next project is to set up a standard pricing system among our members. For taxis, meter installment is possible but not in the near future. Pay-by-meter is a fair way to do this, but we need to hold meetings internally and with government and related agencies before we can do something like that.

Some people are afraid they cannot make any money with meters, but I think it's possible. Maybe we could start with a base fare of something like 100 baht and to travel from Patong Beach Road elsewhere within Patong would cost a total of 130 to 150 baht. The only thing I can do for now is set a standard price among Federation members. For example, if a customer is traveling within Patong, or if it is a short distance, the fare would be 100 to 150 baht.

Part of our goal is to solve parking problems along the Beach Road. Now taxis park on the right and on the left are rental cars, mo-

torcycles, motorcycle taxis and business operators' cars.

I admit there will not be enough space for every car, but I want more space for tourists. In each parking section, I hope to have about 20% of space used by service businesses and 80% for people coming to the beach.

I hope that through negotiation we can get things done. Take the recent blockade at the Phuket Deep Sea Port. Things like the blockade damage the tourism business, which is already in bad shape. Our Federation did not support the blockade as we try to do more positive work.

In response to questions about my political ambitions or following in my father's footsteps, I can say I have none now. I have no political position. I am a businessman, not a politician, as I studied finance in university.

I have been politically active, however, since my university days, when I was elected as the secretary for the student organization at Kasetsart University. When studying in Los Angeles, I formed the Thai Student Club which helped students get driving licenses and find accommodation and jobs.

I think of myself as a real activist, not a politician. It's not for me now, but I don't say it's impossible. I might be a politician in the future, but I won't necessarily take my father's position.

It's not necessary to be a politician in order to do social work.



Plans to limit taxi parking along Patong's Beach Road are on the table.

Anyway, with my network, what I am doing now is along the same lines of what a politician can do.

In response to what I do being likened to a 'mafia', to me the word 'mafia' is associated with doing illegal business. My businesses are legal and we never get involved with drugs, weapons trading or human trafficking. I was taught never to do these bad things.

I don't side with any political party, but I have a chance to participate in Phuket politics and interact with powerful businessmen. I am an educated man, so sometimes I can help clear up problems with small businesses like the taxi stand in front of Jungceylon. I guaranteed their behavior with my reputation, so if they get in any trouble, I will be the one to pay. Sometimes

this leads people to use my name when they do something bad. I think people may misunderstand me for these reasons.

I prefer to be called a 'negotiator' or 'helper' because I always help people whether with money or advice.

I was born here. I'm a Patong product. You can call me by any name, 'Khun Prab' or only 'Prab', it doesn't matter to me. I know I'm going in the right direction because I've been taught well and I don't have a bad reputation.

In the future I would like to apply the same development concept to both private and government sectors, building social collaboration networks in Patong. I hope to see Patong retain its place as a famous tourist destination.

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Who removes dead dogs from Phuket's roads?

I have recently noticed many dead dogs on Phuket roads. I counted three on my way from the Heroines' Monument to the airport intersection. Some had been there for more than a week. Why aren't they being removed? Who is responsible for cleaning the roads?

Oleg Spitsin
Phuket

An officer at the Srisoonthorn Tambon Administration Organization (TAO) replies:

We are responsible for roads all the way from the Heroines' Monument to Baan Nai Klum, just before the Baan Kian intersection in Thalang. Responsibility from there to the airport falls to Thepkasattri TAO. Mr Thanan is the Srisoonthorn TAO removal specialist and can be reached at 087-6283969. He will remove and dispose of roadkill upon notification.

For more information, contact the Srisoonthorn TAO: 9 Moo 8, T. Srisoonthorn, A. Thalang, Phuket 83110. T/F: 076-617803-4

How much for parking at the Robinson center?

There used to be a one-baht fee to park motorbikes outside Robinson shopping center in Phuket Town. At some point, the uniformed staff there started to collect two baht for the fee. Now there is a sign in Thai and English which says the cost is one baht for the first hour and thereafter two baht. I'm seldom in the shopping center for more than 20-30 minutes but the staff still demand two baht. What is the correct fee for parking a motorbike for less than an hour outside Robinson?

Karl Hansen
Phuket

An officer at Phuket City Municipality replies:

The fee for parking a motorcycle is one baht for the first hour and two baht thereafter. The uniformed staff usually charge two baht as they assume you are going to be in there for at least a couple of hours. For cars, it is five baht for the first hour and 10 thereafter.

For more information, contact Phuket City Municipality: 52/1 Narisorn Road, A. Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-212196.

Multihulls ready for SEA Regatta

AS LOCAL yachties gear up for the upcoming Six Senses Phuket Race-week, a key event on the Phuket yachting calendar is the SEA Property International Phuket Multihull Championship.

Set to be held July 16-18, the increasingly popular event, raced in and around Chalong Bay, is expected to attract more than 20 entries this year, only its third year in existence.

The event, sponsored by SEA Property and organized and hosted by the Ao Chalong Yacht Club (ACYC), is comprised of three days of racing and four days of parties. Registration is on the evening of July 15, with a briefing the following day at 9am at ACYC before the first scheduled warning signal at 11am.

This will be followed by a program of five races held over three days, with evening parties sponsored by Sea Bees, Corsair Marine and Derani Yachts. All will be held at ACYC.

Other sponsors include Andaman Cabriolet, Latitude 8 and IMAGE Asia, with Elite Wine providing special prizes.

One reason for the popularity of this event is that in the absence of monohull boats, many sailors get the opportunity to experience exhilarating racing on multihull boats for the first time.

"Southeast Asia is an area where multihulls work particularly well and we are delighted to have on board three of the multihull manufacturers from the region," say organizers.

"Latitude 8 with the Fireflys and the Whitehaves, Corsair Marine, represented by perhaps as many as six or seven boats and the Andaman Cabriolet, a new design built by Composite Catamarans, are all expected to compete."

As well as the Firefly 850



The newly designed Andaman Cabriolet Niña will be racing alongside other entries at the SEA Property International Multihull Championship.

and ocean multihull class, this year's event will include cruising multihulls with primarily off-wind courses. This unrated class will be given handicaps by the multihull designer and experienced rating attributer Mark Pescott.

Prize giving on the Sunday will be around 5pm, giving everyone time to prepare for the Six Senses Regatta the following week.

In past regattas, Peter Dyer has skippered the Firefly 850 SEA Properties.

However, his availability to compete has been victim to the regatta's success. Because of the additional work required to organize the event, he is unlikely to appear on the water this year.

"The entries have doubled, which requires a lot more administration, so I have asked Damien Ford to take charge of SEA Properties," he explained.

"I think the crew he [Damien] has have a great chance of winning the Firefly 850

class. Twin Sharks and Voodoo Child are always competitive and Roger on Moto Inzi tends to do well in strong winds.

"We might have nine Firefly 850s, which would be a record," he added.

Dwyer said that the regatta's popularity stems from the fact that it is exclusively for multihulls.

"The best thing about the regatta is that a number of boats that always wanted to race but haven't had a crew come out and compete," he said.

"Because this is a multihull regatta and monohulls are excluded, all the people who normally sail monohulls and want a piece of the action suddenly become available.

"This means all the guys who normally struggle to find crew suddenly find they can get their boats out and that is why we will have more multihulls than any other regatta in the region," he concluded.

— James Goyder



Three boys from YFH will compete in Finland's Helsinki Cup. From left: Wuttichai Sooksan, Suthee Wanthor, Natthapol Maneemai.

YFH soccer kids head to Europe

THREE boys from the Youth Football Home are leaving for Finland to take part in the Helsinki Cup, an annual international youth football tournament for some of the world's most promising rising talent.

Suthee 'Nong' Wanthor, Wuttichai 'Bell' Sooksan and Natthapol 'Owen' Maneema have all been invited to represent Finnish side Kapytan Pallo in the under 15s section of one of Europe's most renowned boys competitions.

Nong and Bell have both been to Europe before, but the tournament will mark Owen's first trip to the continent.

Nong is looking forward to the opportunity to play in the prestigious tournament.

"I have been to Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Singapore before, but never Finland. I have been watching the World Cup and supporting Germany. I hope our team can play as well as them," he added.

The boys will be playing teams from all over Europe.

Youth Football Home manager Hannu Tuukkanen, a former professional footballer from Fin-

land, thinks it will be a great experience for them.

"This will be the biggest challenge for the boys so far and a good test of where they stand right now.

"For example, on Tuesday, July 13, they will play their first game at 10:45am against Bucaspor from Turkey, followed by a second game scheduled for 1:20pm against team Dush 80 from Russia.

"I hope having to play so many matches in quick succession will give a chance for the boys to learn about the importance of eating, drinking and rest," he said.

He was also quick to point out that while ability was certainly a factor in deciding which boys to send on the trip, the three selected players would not have been chosen without good reports from school and a reputation for good behavior at the Youth Football Home.

In August, two of the most talented under-13 boys from the YFH will travel to Germany to train with Bundesliga clubs Wolfsburg and VfB Stuttgart.

— Gazette reporter

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Phuket fighter eyes MMA title shot

LONG-term Phuket resident 'Magical' Ray Elbe is going to be fighting for a mixed martial arts title in Singapore next month. Nicknamed Magical Ray because of his submission skills, the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black belt has been based in Chalong since 2007.

Day-to-day he is in charge of the MMA program at Tiger Muay Thai, but he shot to fame in 2009 when he made an appearance on the popular American reality TV show, The Ultimate Fighter.

He continues to fight when his teaching commitments allow him to and will be up against India's leading MMA fighter, Alan 'The Bull' Fernandes, at Martial Combat 6 in Singapore on July 15. Elbe is looking forward to showing his students that he can still fight.

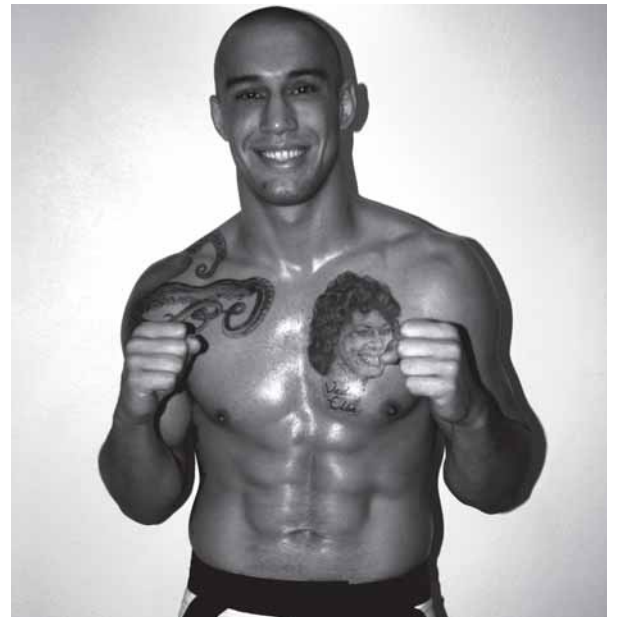
"I'm only 27 years old right now and I have already had 30-plus professional

MMA fights. I have won my last four fights and I have been told by matchmakers from some of the biggest MMA shows on the planet that if I keep winning, I will get my chance," he said.

MMA is arguably the fastest-growing sport in the world, but when Elbe began fighting in 2001, it was still in its infancy. In the following nine years Elbe has seen MMA change beyond all recognition:

"When I first started fighting MMA it wasn't on television and it was illegal in 27 of the 50 US states. We were facing guys in different weight classes, in shows that were not sanctioned, with rules that seemed to change depending on what event and in which location you were fighting. Now it is a governed sport with unified rules and a huge fan following."

For more information visit: W: magicalray.com.



'Magical' Ray Elbe is prepping for his title shot.

FC Phuket back on top

FC PHUKET will take a giant step towards winning the Football Association of Thailand's Division Two (Southern Section) if they can defeat Trang at home on Sunday, July 4.

FC Phuket are currently two points clear of Trang, with a game in hand.

The last time the two sides met back in April, Trang handed the Southern Sea Kirin their first loss of the season: a 2-1 defeat in Trang.

FC Phuket's home form in the first half of the season was superb, with seven wins out of seven – but they failed to win a single away match over the same period.

The issue led coach Arjan Songsamssub to bring in a few new faces during the mid-season break and the move paid immediate dividends, resulting in hard-fought 3-1 win at Surat Thani last Saturday.

Trang lost 0-1 at home to Ranong the same day, allowing FC Phuket to overtake them at the top of the table. With only 10 games to play, a win over Trang would put FC Phuket in position to win the section and go into the



SHOUT IT TO THE TOP: The vocal efforts of FC Phuket supporters (above) have been instrumental in the local squad's rise to the top of Division Two (Southern Section). Photo: James Goyder

promotional playoffs.

The team were given a good indication of how they might fare in the higher divisions when they faced Samut Songkran in round three of the Thai FA Cup in a midweek fixture.

Samut Songkran are in the Premier Division, but needed extra time to defeat FC Phuket 3-1 with the scores level at 1-1 at the end of normal time.

While it was disappointing

to be knocked out of the tournament, everyone connected with the club felt the team gave a good account of itself against a side two divisions above it.

FC Phuket play Trang this Sunday at Surakul Stadium in Phuket Town. Kick-off is at 6pm. Tickets cost 50 baht and are available on the door and fans are allowed to bring in their own refreshments, beer included.

– James Goyder



Current standings: Division Two (Southern Section)

Rank	Team	Points
1	FC Phuket	28
2	Trang FC	26
3	Satun United	24
4	Ranong FC	23
5	Phattalung FC	21
6	Surat Thani FC	21
7	Pattani FC	20
8	Krabi FC	19
9	Hat Yai FC	18
10	Yala FC	17
11	Nakhon Sri Thammarat	15
12	Phang Nga FC	12
13	Chumphon FC	11

Wheelie good time in Karon

THE best of Phuket's cyclists are making preparations to take on competitors from around Thailand and neighboring countries as part of an upcoming competition by the Thai Cycling Association on July 2-4.

The event will comprise two main races: the King's Cup Cycling Road Championship and the Prince's Cup Mountain Biking Championship. Different classes will be offered for men, women, and youths.

The first day will hold road races that will begin in Karon on July 2 and will take bikers on a six-kilometer route through Kata Beach and down to a finishing line on Karon Beach. Different classes will complete a different number of laps, with the general

men's class completing five rounds for a total 30km.

The mountain biking race will be held on the second day and will start at the top of Karon View Point and continue down a 6km track to the bottom. The men's class will complete eight rounds for total of 40km.

On the final day, a 'cycling for health' road race will take bikers on a short 1.8km track around Karon. Laps will make up for the short track, with men needing to complete 50 rounds for a total of 90km. More than 500 local cyclists are expected to take part.

For more information about the competition contact the Thai Cycling Association. T: 02-7193340-2. W: thaicycling.or.th.

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Samui and Phuket in luxury bout



The Residences at W Retreat Koh Samui, set to open in the beginning of August, is one of many recently opened hotels that is giving Phuket luxury offerings a run for their money.

IN THE Hindu religion, the Banyan Tree is revered as a sacred symbol and is sometimes referred to as the “wish-fulfilling divine tree”.

That might have played a role in the branding the hotel chain that now goes by the same name.

When Ho Kwon Ping started the chain from its flagship Phuket property in 1994, there was little thought that the fledgling island-born brand would one day become a revered hospitality group with properties spanning the globe.

This month, the Banyan Tree Samui opens its doors in a quiet, private bay located near popular Lamai Beach. With 78 pool villas and a stunning wellness center and spa called The Rainforest, the property looks to give its Phuket forbearer a run for its money.

Leading Thai conglomerate TCC Group is the owner, with Banyan Tree now diversifying into more management contracts in order to accelerate its expansion plans.

General Manager Fredrick Arul is outspoken about the quality of the new hotel and points out that the enormous hydrotherapy pool and themed spa flaunt innovations that are the object of envy from many hoteliers who have inspected the site.

Another Koh Samui property which is about to open the lifestyle buzz is the W Retreat, which is set to start taking guests at the beginning of August.

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combining high-tech mood lighting, personal espresso machines and a wine bar, there is more than enough to keep guests occupied in this posh hideaway.

Perhaps the most stunning site of the sprawling resort is the

SIP Lounge Bar, where the ocean converges on two sides, or perhaps the WooBar, which offers just the right blend of music, mood, drinks and food.

Samui's hotel scene is undoubtedly taking things up to the next level on the back of these two exciting new hotels. With its already considerable brand concentration that includes Four Seasons, Six Senses, Renaissance and Langham, as well as an upscale Conrad in the pipeline, there is certainty that Phuket's leading hotels will have plenty of competition in the days ahead.

In spite of the “luxury guilt” that seemed to accompany the gloomy days of recent global financial crisis, there appears to be demand returning to the sector, which will push many of the established players to look at either refurbishes or upgrading if they want to remain competitive.

While branded residences languish in Phuket, it's difficult not to come away impressed from what's happening on the larger hotel stage and somehow feel some anguish that Phuket is lagging behind.

Sunset still brings people out in droves and quality oceanfront entertainment venues, such as Beach Republic and Nikki Beach, continue to woo those who wish to see and be seen. Comparing Samui and Phuket remains a mixed drink in a land of straight shooters, but there are plenty of reasons to be impressed with the innovation in the top-end luxury on a small island in the gulf of Thailand.

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Hotels tap new sources

ONE of the key investment drivers over the past two years has been the decreasing amount of debt for hotel projects. Be it new building construction or renovation and expansion, Thai banks are taking a decidedly harsh “wait and see” approach to tourism.

One market that is being tapped is the domestic property fund sector, where the developers of the Mercure Samui Buri Resort are raising a reported 828-million baht. Part of the funds proceeds will be used to restructure debt and the rest for new hotel projects.

A guaranteed yield of six percent for the first five years is being offered to investors in the fund.

Going down the condo checklist

DESPITE the world economic crisis and the political woes of Bangkok, condominium projects are continuing to grow in popularity throughout Thailand's urban areas, especially tourist destinations like Phuket.

As condos are a promising investment opportunity or ideal second home, it is worthwhile to have a close look at some of the unwelcome surprises new buyers encounter during their purchase.

Perhaps the most affecting restriction for foreign buyers is a Thai law that requires the majority of a condominium project to be owned by Thai citizens. In short, condos are given a quota in which ownership by foreigners cannot exceed 49 percent.

This limitation often causes headaches for developers, especially in Phuket and other tourist destinations that primarily target foreign buyers.

Because of this, foreign buyers are sometimes offered long-term lease arrangements for condominium units, but keep overall ownership listed to a Thai national.

If a foreigner is permitted to buy a condo under the quota, they are still sometimes surprised to discover that ownership comes with ongoing fees. The vast majority of condos come with access to common properties that are controlled by a condominium juristic person (CJP), which jointly represents the interests of the unit owners.

Although various amendments under the recent Condominium Act have helped make buying a new condo more straightforward, it is still advisable to go through a standard checklist when thinking about buying.

This should include an investigation of the project land, verification of ownership rights of the buyer, unrestricted access to all project areas that are designated as common properties, and ensuring any existing contracts, such as a mortgage or lease, have been properly registered for the chosen unit.

It also advisable to review the rules and regulations of the condo, as they may include provisions that a potential

buyer may not want to adhere to.

Another important area to focus on is management. CJP's are typically subject to monthly operation and maintenance fees.

A contribution to a capital reserve fund (sinking fund) is also usually required to be made by each individual owner to provide the CJP with funds to carry out repair work on common properties.

Proper management of a condo usually requires a bit of control from owners. Therefore, it is advisable to actively participate in the project management by joining any CJP meetings.

This will allow owners to exercise voting rights to help ensure a professional manager of the CJP will be appointed. This is especially important, as maintaining transparency in accounts helps ensure money is not being wasted.

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Projects such as The Light Suanluang (above) in Phuket Town are in hot demand throughout Thailand. Photo courtesy of The Light Suanluang.



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ORCHIDS are among the world's most extraordinary plants. A very old family, orchids are so ancient that they were already around when dinosaurs walked the earth.

They can produce up to a million microscopic seeds per plant, but are almost impossible to germinate artificially from seed. Tropical orchids are mainly epiphytic or lithophytic, meaning that in a natural habitat, they anchor themselves to trees or rocks, absorb moisture from the air and derive nutrients from anything they encounter, such as animal droppings.

Often equipped with aerial roots that may be several meters long, the oldest parts of the plant are modified to form a spongy surface to absorb humidity from the air. Sometimes, these roots form a pseudobulb that can store water or food for use during long dry periods.

Even the leaves are interesting: Sun-loving orchids usually have simple leaves alternating on fleshy stems. Thick and leathery with a waxy cuticle to conserve water, these leaves can also be decorative in their own right.

Part of the attraction of the Lady's Slipper [*paphiopedilum*]



The vanda variety of orchid is relatively easy to cultivate and can produce a vast range of colors. Open source photo by Wikimedia

lies in its mottled and highly ornamental foliage, a feature caused by an uneven distribution of chlorophyll.

This orchid is not epiphytic, but terrestrial; it puts down roots in soil, like most conventional plants do. As such, it prefers

cooler temperatures and a proper potting mixture. The spectacular flower has a pouch-like lip and strikingly spotted petals. Since it prefers light shade, it is particularly popular as a house plant in European parlors.

Two of the genera common in the tropics are *phalaenopsis*, better known as moth orchids, and *cattleya*, perhaps the most popular member of the vast family of *orchidaceae*.

But probably the easiest of all orchids to cultivate is *dendrobium*, a variety which exists in the wild as *crumenatum* with white flowers, as *superbum* with purple flowers, and as *chrysotoxum*, which has striking waxy yellow blooms.

Cultivars of these species are normally available in garden centers, suspended in small baskets or terracotta pots. To make them feel particularly at home, attach them to a tree or hang them from a trellis, where their

striking good looks will be shown to best advantage.

The flowers of *dendrobium* are generally small, but appear as generous clusters or racemes on wire-like stems. They are particularly long-lasting, and for this reason are often used as cut flowers. Essentially epiphytic, all their roots need is tightly packed moss or even shards of broken brick, in fact anything that allows for effective drainage. Nonetheless, as all orchids do, they will appreciate a liquid feed from time to time. And plenty of sun.

Two other genera of orchid are worth mentioning: *vanda* and *planifolia*.

Vanda is worth considering since it is relatively easy to cultivate. Like many of its relatives, it is monopodial, that is to say, it has one stem and one growing tip. But that does not stop it from producing, in favorable conditions, a mass of blooms in a range of colors. In the wild, *vanda cerulea*

is a rare orchid that produces startling blue-violet flowers. As a consequence, it is used extensively in hybridization.

One naturally produced hybrid was discovered in a Singapore garden more than a century ago. The *Vanda Miss Joaquim*, named after Agnes Joaquim who first drew attention to its existence, has deep pink petals and a yellow orange center. Today it is Singapore's national flower.

Perhaps the best known orchid, vanilla, is not usually recognized as a member of the family at all. *Planifolia*, the main variety of vanilla, produces what is, after saffron, the most expensive spice in the world. This is on account of it being labor intensive and difficult to establish; for a long time it could not be grown outside its native Mexico.

Though it is now cultivated commercially in Indonesia, it is not grown in the 'Land of Smiles'.

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Construction Update

Nai Harn

A SPIRING business owners will soon have a brand-new option in the heart of Nai Harn to meet both their living and business needs as the Nchantra at Naiharn II, a new shophouse project, begins construction.

Located at the corner of the Naya T junction, just a short distance from Da Vinci restaurant, the project occupies about 270 square wah and will be comprised of 10 shophouse units.

According to Marketing Director Surachai Tandaves, six units have already been sold, including two corner units, which Mr Surachai said will most likely be turned into restaurants.

The units will vary in size from 21.1 square wah for the standard model to 52.9 square wah for the corner units.

Design and construction work on the three-story building is being carried out by TAA & Associates Co. Ltd.

Construction work began in April and is expected to be completed in October of this year.

Mr Surachai is enthusiastic about the project, saying that, "The concept of Nchantra at Naiharn II is to be a modern-style shophouse in a prime location, and to look beautiful and liveable.

"The buildings are designed



BUILDING FOR BUSINESS: Nchantra at Naiharn II will be comprised of 10 three-level shophouse units to meet both living and business needs.

Shophouses rise high in the heart of Nai Harn

to face the sunrise so that after the midday the temperature will be nice and cool."

Prices start at 6.6 million baht for standard units and 8.6 million baht for corner units.

"Due to our project's prime location and the reasonable prices

offered, we are confident that we will be able to close our sales before the project's completion," added Mr Surachai.

TAA & Associates was formed in 1998 by Ekasak Thonthawes and offers a wide range of services, from concep-

tual design and architectural engineering to contractor work and construction management.

The company's growing list of reputable projects includes the construction of Accor's Cape Panwa Resort Mercure and Naiya Buree Resort & Icon

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We are looking for an individual or company to take a leading role in the implementation of our communications strategy over the next four years.

For more information on the role and responsibilities, please see our website; www.boblme.org.

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- Must be fluent in both written and spoken English language.

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Requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree is required;
- Minimum 1 or more years experience in airline or travel industry;
- Confident and qualified to befit as representative of the airline;
- Knowledge in IATA standard reservation/ticketing procedures;
- A sound understanding of Mathematics / World Geography and exposure to reservation system are added advantage;
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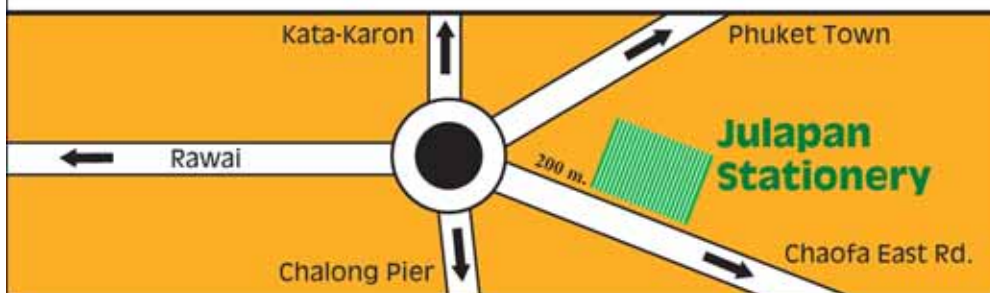
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